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Pre-trial, jury trial dates in DUI case moved again

Former Antioch cop could face up to 12 years in prison if convicted

By JULIE MURPHY Staff Reporter

The jury trial date for the former Antioch police officer, Steven M. Hayes, charged with a felony charge of aggravated DUI resulting in grave bodily harm has been moved from Dec. 18 to March 5.

According to the Lake County Clerk's office, the case was "stricken off" the list of cases to go before Judge Christopher Starck without an explanation for the date change. Daniel R. Wasilowski had initially come forward as the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident occurring last May in unincorporated Wauconda. He is being charged with the misdemeanor of attempting to obstruct justice. Wasilowski's pre-trial hearing date has been changed from Dec. 8 to Feb. 7, and will be heard before Judge Valerie Ceckowski.

Hayes faces a maximum sentence of up to 12 years incarceration



ACHS students look over some of the toys purchased by their Jobs for Illinois Graduates class to be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Totsprogram. The class held a raffle raising \$1,200 for the purchase of the toys to be donated.—Photo by Julie Murphy.

Property tax increase approved

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Tim Wells

Village administrator

By JULIE MURPHY Staff Reporter

The proposed property tax levy ordinary," he say increase of 7 percent total was approved by the board of directors of special purpose the Village of Antioch in a unanimous levied for 2000 a vote with two absent.

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absent.

The vote came after the public hearing on Dec.

18. No residents appeared before the board to present testimony, in part because there was a date error in the

published legal notice.

Attorney Ken Clark said there is a provision in the statute that allowed for the public hearing to continue as the newspaper had failed to publish the information correctly. He added that if the tax increase had been for

105 percent no public hearing would have been necessary. "An increase of 107 percent is considered to be extraordinary," he said.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2000 are \$1,404,429.00, an 8

percent increase over the previous year of \$1,300,397.55.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2000 are \$272,388.75, a 4.7

percent increase from the previous year of \$260,079.51. The two combined equal a total increase of 7 percent going from \$1,560,477.05 to 1,676,817.75.

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Class Act

Two ACHS classes run raffle, buy and donate toys

By JULIE MURPHY Staff Reporter

n one week's time, students of the two Jobs for Illinois Graduates (JILG) classes at Antioch Community High School (ACHS) brainstormed a raffle, solicited donations from local merchants and employers, and created and sold tickets at the high school raising \$1,200 that they then spent on new toys to be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

Student David Bacerott said,

"It's Christmas time, and we wanted to help out the kids."

Nancy Fenton teaches the classes, and the purpose is to help students transition smoothly from high school into college, the military or the work force. Three-hundred-fifty hours of service learning is tied into the curriculum.

"This project was entirely their idea," said Fenton. "They put so much effort into pulling this together."

At the core of the JILG classes are 37 competencies viewed as desirable worker traits and skills by both career/job specialists and employers, among them are demonstrating team membership and leadership, and upholding commitment to an organization.

"We decided on this project, and just did it," said Kari Sacca. "It wasn't too hard to get businesses to donate things, and mostly students and teachers bought the raffle tickets."

Sacca's employer, Ulta cosmetics, donated some of the raffle items, as did other of the students' employ-

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Stuart Brodsky of the OWP&P architecture firm discusses the layout of a model for the proposed Lake Villa Township/Antioch Township Hall as Antioch Township Supervisor Steve Smouse, Lake Villa Township Supervisor Sue Hansen and State Rep. Tim Osmond (R-Antioch) look on.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Osmond announces Illinois First funding

Dist. 117, Antioch and Lake Villa Townships to build new center

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER Staff Reporter

At a special press conference, State Rep. Timothy Osmond (R-Antioch) announced that, through the joint use of a total of \$900,000 in Illinois First grants, a new community center will be built under the auspices of Antioch Township, Lake Villa Township and Antioch Community High School Dist. 117.

"I was happy to help provide the seed money for this project," Osmond said, referring to his efforts in securing the grant funds.

"I'm impressed with the way the three (entities) have worked together to make the center a reality," the state representative said in a written statement preceding the public announcement.

The new facility, scheduled for ground-breaking this spring, will incorporated the new high school as well as athletic fields and community rooms to be used by both townships.

The complex, tentatively called the Antioch-Lake Villa Center, will be located on the north end of the 100acre site where a second high school is to be constructed by Dist. 117 at the northeast corner of the intersection of Deep Lake and Grass Lake roads.

A referendum, passed in November, will provide for the school buildfacilities will be made possible by combining funds slated for the two townships.

Additionally, Antioch Township will sell its current building, contributing the proceeds to the joint project.

The new facility will house new administrative offices for Dist. 117 and Antioch Township, as well as a large area for senior citizens' use and other community programming.

"Meals on Wheels" will also have a new site, with a fully-equipped kitchen, allowing for preparation and delivery of hot meals to shut-ins. Currently, the program uses the Lake Villa Township center as a drop-off point for meals, but there are no cooking facilities on the premises.

All parties involved are enthusi-

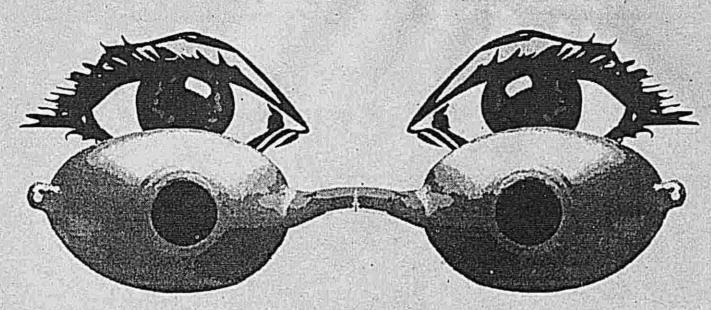
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Dist. 117 seeking tax increase

Support for proposal was only 47 percent in last election

By JULIE MURPHY Staff Reporter

A proposition put forth by Antioch Community High School (ACHS) Dist. 117 to increase the maximum annual educational tax rate from the current 1.32 percent to 1.60 percent (an increase of .28 percent) will go back on the ballot for the April election.

The money will pay for the additional operational costs of the two high schools that will be in operation within the next five years as referenda

for \$55 million in building bonds was approved in the November election.

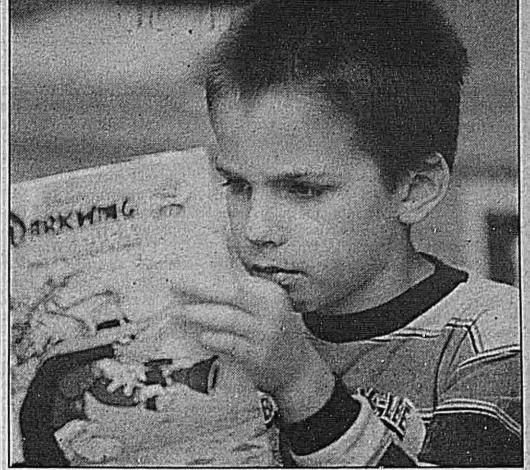
"It's something we surely need," said Supt. Dennis Hockney. "The extra money is still going to be required. We can't build a second building, and then not operate it."

The full .28 percent increase would not show up on tax bills until 2005, but a portion of it would appear on tax bills in 2004 when it is projected the second high school will open its doors at partial capacity.

This increase would increase the amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes for ACHS Dist. 117 by over \$2 million, from \$9,476,049 to about \$11,486,121.

Though many residents publicly lauded the board of education's decision to go for the educational tax rate increase at the same time the building bonds referenda was on the November ballot, only 47 percent of the vote supported the educational tax rate increase in that election.

"We'll just have to keep working at getting the rate increase approved," said Hockney. "It's something we have to do."



Knowledge is golden

Seven-year-old Thomas Brandt of Antioch keeps out of the cold by enjoying a book at the Antioch Public Library.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Children's reading programs scheduled

By JULIE MURPHY Staff Reporter

A love of books can help offset cabin fever over the winter months, and the Antioch Community Library is offering two programs for children between the ages of 2-12 years old to drive boredom away.

The first is called "2001 Storytime- What's your favorite everything?" and is geared toward children age 2-5. The schedule will offer a variety of times and days of the week for the 11-week session beginning on Feb. 5.

There will be a special group for 2-year-olds and their mothers, while other age groups will meet together. Each week the children will be asked to tell about their favorite colors, foods and animals to stimulate conversation and sharing.

"The kids won't know until they get to the story hour what the topic is for that week," said children's paraprofessional Michelle Cunningham. "They will have pick what their favorite is right on the spot." Books about these favorites will then be read to the children.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for both kids and parents to meet others," said Cunningham.

"Go Snowbooking" is being sponsored by the Chicago Wolves under the "Read to Succeed" program for children between the ages of 3-12. Throughout the six-week program, beginning Feb. 5, children will set personal weekly reading goals.

Participants have the opportunity to win chances for the Wolves' mascot, Skates to attend their birthday party. Wolves' game tickets are also given as prizes.

Registration for both of these programs takes place Jan. 8-22 and should be done in person at the library children's resource desk. Storytime 2001 runs from Feb. 5-April 5. Snowbooking begins on Feb. 5 and runs through March 16.

For more information call Cunningham or children's librarian Joan Padbury at 395-0874.

Judge tells high school classes the real pitfalls of drugs, alcohol

By JULIE MURPHY Staff Reporter

Circuit Judge Ray McKoski spoke to the business law class, as well as two cooperative work training classes, at Antioch Community High School (ACHS) before the students were dismissed for Christmas break.

"Students are very interested in how I decide what sentence to give those convicted of crimes," said McKoski. "Students are particularly interested in cases involving drugs and alcohol. Nearly all high school students have had some experience with friends trying drugs, or even with adults who have an alcohol problem."

McKoski has been a criminal judge for 15 years and was an assis-

tant state's attorney prior to that. "Whether it's theft or murder, 80 percent of the people charged with crimes have a drug or alcohol problem. If it weren't for the drugs or alcohol, they would not be committing the crimes," he said.

"We talked a lot about probationary sentencing, and some of the newer sentencing alternatives I can give," explained McKoski. "For instance, I can have drunk drivers see an autopsy, or go before a 'victim impact panel,' where people who have been hurt or have lost someone to a drunk driver tell their stories, and with the pictures of the loved ones before them. It's very moving to see

The judge further explained that counseling is always part of a probationary sentence.

"Certain violent crimes are not eligible for probation," McKoski continued. "And, there are mandatory sentences for some drug offenses. The sentence for someone who delivers 15 grams of cocaine or more is 6 to 30 years." He made the point that one doesn't have to sell the drugs but merely deliver them, and that I gram is about the weight of a paper clip.

"I really like to make sure I get this point across," stressed McKoski. "I've had a lot of 17-year-olds before who did not realize that there are very serious consequences associated with this crime. For the rest of their lives they have a drug conviction, and this is not a plus when applying for a job."

Woman's Club members show off their talent at arts and crafts fair

By JULIE MURPHY Staff Reporter

Members of the Antioch Woman's Club will show their talents at the 10th annual arts and crafts fair luncheon of the 10th Dist. of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs on Jan. 29 at the Country Squire Restaurant in Grayslake.

"About 30 categories of original art will be judged," said chairman Bernadette Bay., "All of the artwork must be from the year 2000 and must be original, not from a kit."

The best time to view the artwork- including watercolors,

knitting, quilting, photography and other mediums-will be from about 11 a.m.- noon, before the luncheon begins.

"It's quite a big show," added Bay. "It's judged by professional artists, and ribbons are awarded for best of show and second and third places."

"It's really a fun thing," she said of the fair that used to be held at Lamb's Farm in Libertyville.

Poetry and short stories are also judged, but not at the same event. "Poetry and stories aren't shown here, because they aren't pictorial," said Bay.

Bay is proposing winners of

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the judging bring their prize-winning artwork to the final May luncheon when the ribbons are presented. "Not all of our members are able to make it to this luncheon, and I think everyone should have an opportunity to see the work of our people," she said.

Charitable holiday season a good way to end year

artaking in a charitable holiday season is a good way to end the year, and Antioch residents did that in abundance.

PM&L Theatre, the First National Bank-Employee Owned (FNBEO), and the Antioch Movie Theater worked together and separately to collect non-perishable food donations for the local food pantries while offering up holiday cheer in the form of entertainment.

In another cooperative effort, the Wild Game Dinner was held by the Antioch Lion's Club and the Antioch Rescue Squad to raise money to go toward the cost of new defibrillators, and to go toward the William E. Brook Memorial Wetland and Entertainment Center, a wonderful new addition to the community.

The Lion's Club also put together and distributed holiday food baskets, complete with a turkey, to families in need at both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The second annual Turkey Trot was well supported by local businesses and parents to help the Antioch Lower Grade School improve its science and technology department.



Julie Murphy

Teens from the Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church both collected donations of clothing and housewares, and donated their time to the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago that operates several building to house homeless men, women and children.

A blood drive was sponsored by FNBEO to help the Life Source Blood Services collect blood at a time of year that is critical for collection.

Keller Williams Stateline Realty offered a sharing tree where those interested could fulfill a specific gift wish of a girls and boys from the Central Baptist Children's Home in Lake Villa, and the Allendale Association of Specialized Foster Care in Bristol, Wis. Many local grade and high school students offered class support for this project.

Debbi Levi's sixth grade class at the Antioch Upper Grade School collect over 700 "pre-

loved" animals and \$600 to support the efforts of Bear Magic. The collected animals were distributed by Bear Magic to local hospital emergency rooms, and to the Lake County Courthouse. The money raised was used to purchase new bears that were donated to the Antioch Police Dept. and to the Antioch Rescue Squad.

Teens from ACHS's class Jobs for Illinois Graduates raised \$1,200 through a raffle and used the money to purchase new toys that were then donated to U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

In keeping with long-standing tradition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Sequoit Post 4551, the post collect donations of new toys throughout the month of December that were also donated to the Toys for Tots program.

May the generosity offered during the year 2000 return tenfold in the upcoming year.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, jmurphy@lakelandmedia. com

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astic about the cooperative concept, which evolved out of shared needs and a shared concern that taxpayers should not be over-burdened.

"This is the most exciting project in my career because of the way the various groups are working together," said Dist. 117 Supt. Dennis Hockney. "This project is unique in this state."

Antioch Township Supervisor Steve Smouse noted that the project provides maximum benefits while cutting expenses for taxpayers.

"Our township hall is too small," Smouse observed. "The roof is not in good shape, and it would take too much money to repair."

Smouse pointed out that while the Illinois First grant allocation for the township hall would not be enough to build a new facility by itself, in conjunction with the school district land and Lake Villa Township's Illinois First funds, the expanded project became possible. Lake Villa Township's supervisor, Sue Han-

son, also waxed enthusiastic. "It is rare when you can find several entities

that will work together," she said. Hanson noted that the township's need for more playing fields could now be satisfied with-

out unnecessary duplication. The Meals on Wheels program, staffed by Catholic Charities, is not the only use for the new kitchen facilities. Hanson suggested that the facility might also be made available for rentals for social events, possibly making the

kitchen self-supporting. The site, although technically within Antioch Township, sits on the borderline of Lake Villa Township.

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ers. Items being raffled ranged from practical things like oil changes to highly sought after prizes of Bulls and Blackhawks tickets.

Though not all of the students of the classes were successful in getting items donated, they were able to support the project in other ways. "I didn't get any of the raffle stuff donated," said Adam Wittig. "I bought some of the tickets, though."

Other students took on the task of buying the toys to be donated once the money was raised. "The decision about who would get to do the shopping was based on who had free time after school," said Bacerott. "It was volunteer."

The shoppers were divided into three groups allotted equal shares of the \$1,200. One group was responsible for selecting items geared towards girls another towards boys and the third group bought a mix of bigger toys such as stereo boom boxes and bicycles. Each group kept track of how much money it was spending.

"It was really fun shopping for the toys," said Paul Schneider. "We got a more things than we thought we'd be able to get." The savvy shoppers left Toys R Us in Gurnee with about 6 shopping carts full of toys.

"It was about three hours of impulse shopping," said Tasha Gustafson. "We bought things that we thought kids would like, and tried to get things for a variety of ages." Purchased toys included a Hot Wheels skate board, a Harry Potter trivia game, an Easy Bake Oven, a pogo stick, Star Wars toys, and one half of a classroom full of miscellaneous toys and games including 30 Beanie Babies donated by Bacerott's grandmother.

"I believe service projects like this are a great way for students to become involved with the community," said Cheryl Cox, an administrator and director of instruction and staff development. "I am incredibly impressed. The kids did a great job with all of this."

One of the marines chosen to pick up the donation was former ACHS student, and private first class (I've order AP stylebook, but don't have it as of yet. I don't know how military titles are to go in the paper) Kevin Mc-Causlin said, "It really feels great to come back here and do this, and to do something for the kids." McCauslin said he requested the assignment so he could come back to see family and friends.

Lance corporal Javier DeLatorre added, "This is my first time helping with the Toys for Tots. I'm sure the kids will appreciate this donation."

"It was a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun and it really paid off," said Shannon Day, president of the Illinois Career Association (ICA)/IILG club for the school that students enrolled in the class are required to join. "It really put us in the spirit of the season."

Over \$5,000 in prizes **PROPERTY** to be given away

"What this means for the typical homeowner is a \$6-\$11 increase per year based on the valuation of the home," said village administrator Tim Wells. "The estimated levy is based

on assessed valuation (of Antioch) of \$160 million. If Antioch's total valuation is more than \$160 million, then the tax increase would be less."



Jan. 1 board meeting cancelled

The board of directors of the Village of Antioch approved the cancellation of the Jan. 1 meeting.

Village board meetings are generally held

on the first and the third Monday of each month. This month, the board will meet on

Jan. 15 (the third Monday).

"If a second meeting becomes necessary, it can be held on Jan. 29," said village administrator Tim Wells. "This works out because we have five Mondays this month."



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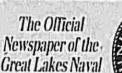


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Homero Mora, 25, of 293 Joanna Ct. in Antioch, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 19 at 5:23 p.m. on Petite Lake Rd. west of Rte. 83. Police observed no plates on his vehicle, and began to follow him. Mora accelerated to 60 mph in a 40 mph zone. When stopped, Mora gave his name as Alberto Patino. At the police station he admitted he gave a false name because he did not want a ticket. He was charged with speeding, driving an uninsured vehicle, driving without a license and obstruction of justice. He was released with a notice to appear at Grayslake Branch III on Jan. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Possession of cannabis

Scott R. Hamilton, 20, of 3106 Vail Dr. in Spring Grove, and his passenger, Brandon J. Niedermayer, 19, of 2405 Steeplechase Ln. in Spring Grove were arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 21 at 8:18 p.m. on Rte. 132 west of Sheehan Dr. Police stopped Hamilton when it was observed that his vehicle's rear window was obscured by ice and dirt. Police patted down Niedermayer, and discovered a pot pipe with resin. A search of Hamilton's vehicle turned up a tin case with cannabis resin, a plastic bag containing cannabis and a film case with four pipe screens in it. The total amount of substance that field-tested positive for cannabis was five grams. The two men were charged with possession of cannabis. A third passenger was released when Niedermayer and Hamilton admitted that the cannabis and paraphernalia were theirs. Hamilton was also charged with driving with a suspended license. Court appearances are scheduled for Jan. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Grayslake Branch III.

LINDENHURST

Battery

Thomas J. Muehlfelder, 42, of 36115 N. Francis in Ingleside, was arrested by Lindenhurst

Police on Dec. 22 at 7:10 p.m. following an altercation in the parking lot of R.J.'s Eatery at 1913 E. Grand Ave. A witness called police to the scene, reporting a fight in progress. Muehlfelder was accused of attacking a 20-year-old employee of the restaurant. The alleged attacker was angry because the employee was in his way in the parking lot. When the employee pulled out of the spot, Muehlfelder tried to open the truck door and pull the young man out of the vehicle. The employee stated that he put the car into park to avoid hitting his attacker. Muehlfelder was charged with battery, and released after posting \$75 cash bond pending his appearance at

Grayslake Branch III on Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Steve R. Fortner, 23, of 1921 18th Ave. in Kenosha was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 22 at 10:57 p.m. at Rte. 45 and Sand Lake Rd. after he was observed making an improper turn. The responding officer noted alcohol on Fortner's breath. The driver failed field sobriety tests. A Breathalyzer test yielded a .145 BAC(Blood Alcohol Content). Fortner was charged with making an improper turn, DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. He posted \$300 cash, pending appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402 on Jan. 9 at 9:02 a.m.

Chad D. McCormick, 20, of 2403 Fifth St. in Winthrop Harbor, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec.18 at 1:06 a.m. when he was observed driving with one headlight out on Rte. 45 at Sand Lake Rd. He told the responding officer he'd had one drink at a party in Grayslake. The officer noted McCormick's slurred speech and bloodshot eyes, as well as the odor of alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver failed field sobriety tests, and produced a .093 BAC reading on a PBT. A subsequent Breathalyzer test yielded a result of .091 BAC. McCormick was charged with improper lighting; DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. He was released on a \$3,000 I-bond pending appearance at Waukegan courtroom C-402 on Jan. 9 at 9

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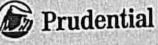
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he first year of the new millennium certainly wasn't short on all of the emotions regarding the entertain-ment industry known as sports.

Rebuilding, reloading-those were two key buzz words for several teams and individuals, albeit the youth, preps or collegiate levels. New faces burst on to the scene, especially the new Vernon Hills High School, which became part of the realigned North Suburban Conference. Libertyville High School also had several firsts, including the implementation of new lights that resulted in the first night football game in over 40 years. LHS also finished construction on 'The Den', its new state-of-the-art facility that includes a concession stand and locker rooms.

Turning the page, dedication was also prominent, especially with reference to fallen heroes we gave a final salute to. The list includes Antioch's Roy Nelson, wrestler Ken Grasser and longtime Sequoit supporter Doug Carlberg, Libertyville's Matt Heldman, and Antioch Shotokan Karate's Doris Bergstedt, just to name a few. But the show goes on and did so in exciting fashion. Legacies and dynasties were sustained, while others were created.

Here's a look at the rest of the best headliners for 2000.

 Antioch Shotokan Karate again took numbers at the national tournament held in Virginia. ASK had several national champions as almost every student medaled

 Warren Township High School girl's tennis player Kelly Mikkila became the school's second player to reach the Century Club with 100 varsity wins

•The Kenosha Indians, a summer league baseball team comprised of several area prep stars, finished second in the National Amatuer **Baseball Federation World Series**

·Mundelein High School's Kyle Zaleski goes 14-0 while setting a career strikeout mark as the Mustangs shared the NSC title

 They finally got their number as the Antioch High's varsity boys golf team wins the Antioch Invitational, besting area power Lake Forest by four shots

 Grayslake Community High School varsity boys basketball coach Greg Groth retires, but not before winning his 200th career game and fourth regional title in 15 years

 Andy Bitto's Carmel Corsair football team was eliminated in the first-round of the Class 5A playoffs but rebounded by winning three games in the Catholic League playoffs.

 With no returning starters, Warren boys varsity basketball still claimed the NSC, regional and sectional titles

•Grant's Wayne Bosworth becomes Grant High School's all-time leading scorer

·Grant's Larry Gempp Jr. set a single-season home run record with 13

 Football player Matt Vandaele from Warren becomes third player in Warren history to be named all-state

 Grayslake Middle School eighth-grade girls hoops teams qualifies for 'Sweet 16' of state tournament

·Grayslake lightweight, heavyweight youth football teams and the cheerleaders of the Grayslake Youth Football & Cheerleading Association compete in the national tournament for third consecutive year

 The North Suburban Conference realigned, with the new Vernon Hills High School opening

 Libertyville High's varsity girl's soccer team earned a berth in the state quarterfinals for the first time since 1997

 CLC's Jim Nilles, a Carmel High grad, finishes second in the nation for junior colleges with 168 three-pointers

 The Libertyville Bandits summer league baseball team came within one game of the World Series

 Grant Tom Maple steps down after 25 years as head varsity boys basketball coach

 Wauconda 13-year-old Brett Grantham lit up the junior drag racing world, winning the US 41 points race. Grantham also finished third in the All-star race in Joliet and top-5 finish at Nationals

 Lake Villa's Phil Logsdon qualifies for the Ironman championships

 College of Lake County Athletic Director and Head Men's Baseball Coach Gene Hanson was inducted into the Illinois Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame Feb. 4

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SPORTS

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LAKELAND MEDIA'S SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

Dynasties, devotion, dedication tells tale for 2000

The following is a look at the top 10 headliners for the past year. For those not included in the top 10, the Rest of The Best should make amends for the many others deserving of special recognition.

1. How often does a professional sporting event come to Lake County, let alone, a major championship? With profession-

al women's golf rising in popularity, Gurnee's Merit Club served as a fine host to the for the 2000 U.S. Women's Open Championship.

Crowds exceeding 100,000 congregated at the private club for a good old-fashioned shootout.

When it was all said and Karrie Webb done, Australia's Karrie Webb claimed the title with a four-day total of 6-under-par. It was the 25-year-olds 20th career title and third major triumph of the

The week belonged not only to the lady professionals, however. Junior golf was a major focus and a special appearance by Michael Jordan certainly didn't hurt.

"It's been a great week," said Merit Club President Ed Oldfield, Jr. "We received a lot of national and international coverage. Now, everybody knows what the Merit Club is all about."

Despite a shifting rosters from year to year,

head coach Denny Porter guided his eighth-grade Lakeland Lakers to their third straight AAU title in the North American Youth Basketball Championships, held in Toledo, Ohio in July.

The team amassed a 76-8 final record, including 11 tournament wins.

"The fact that we threepeated is great," said Porter. "This is one of the best teams I've had in 33 years of coaching.

Area players on the team included Justin Joneikis of Warren, Matt Corning of Mundelein and Antioch's Mark Williams. Three team members, Julian Lott (Zion-Benton), Philip Wallace (Crystal Lake South) and Eric Verneisel (Jacobs) made their varsity. teams as freshmen.

The Lakeland

Lakers

Porter, from Antioch, has been involved with coaching youths for over 30 years and was named National Youth Coach of The Year in

3. In a very touching and emotional ceremony, Libertyville High School and Lake County bid a final salute to former prep and collegiate hoops star Matt Heldman, who was tragically killed with father Otis in a automobile accident Oct. 13, 1999.

A partisan crowd of friends, coaches, family and supporters gathered Dec. 15, 2000 off Rte. 176 in the Butler Lakes Campus Gymnasium to pay final tribute.

Matt's legacy will forever be remembered as LHS dedicated its scoreboard in memory of their fallen hero. A video montage highlighting Matt's career was also played, fittingly to the song, 'Hero' by Mariah Carey.

Matt Heldman Scoreboard Heldman led Libertyville to a fourth-place finish in the 1994 state tournament and ranks as the county's fourthleading scorer with 1,877 points. The silky smooth guard went on to play four years at The University of Illinois. He was deadly from the perimeter and would blow by defenders.

"He was a very special individual with a tremendous heart," said LHS Athletic Director Tim Albers. "This was his gym so why not have his name forever marked in it. That's when we (Matt's mother Linda and sister Amy) decided to name the scoreboard after him."

4. If you're looking for dynasties, take a trip down to Hawley Rd. just east of Midlothian. That's where you'll find the three-time state champion Mundelein varsity boys gymnastics team. MHS came just .05 points from , breaking their own state record of 164.85 en

route to its three-peat last spring.

The Mustangs were led by Matt Michalek, who finished second in the state in the allaround and took the title on the parallel bars.

"This year is different from all the rest," said Head Coach Doug Foerch. "But it still feels

> And with the bulk of their team returning, including Michalek, Mundelein appears to be the frontrunner for another state title. Come May, we'll have the answer.

5. After winning the Junior College Championship in Tyler, Tex. in October 1999, The College of Lake County's Hanna Kazakevich had a seven month layoff from competition before the Small College Championships in Tuscon, Ariz. in May.

After two uneventful victories, Kazakevich beat three of the top women in the nation on her way to becoming just the second national champion in CLC history.

"When the chips were down, Hanna played superior tennis," said then head coach Richard Watson. "She demonstrated poise, maturity and excellent strategy."

Kazakevich also placed second in the nation in doubles with partner Heather Lawrence as both were named All-Americans.

6. Overcoming odds in sports seems only secondary when compared to overcoming odds

> in daily life. But Gurnee's Amle Stanton seems to have conquered both.

Competing in the Olympics is the chance of a lifetime. But considering the circumstances makes Stanton's feat even more special. A 17-year-old senior at Warren Township High School, Stanton suffered a spinal injury in a car accident at age 2, leaving her paralyzed from the

waist down. But that didn't seem to phase Amie because last summer, she qualified in six events for the 2000 Paralympics, held in Sydney, Australia.

Competing in wheelchair races since age 11, Stanton suprised even herself by qualifying for the Paralympics.

"I definitely had the 2002 games in mind," she said. "If you would have told me I was going to the games this year, I would not have be-

lieved you." Amie put up one heck of a fight while also having the time of her life 'Down Un-

"It's a terrific story and just goes to show you that hard work and determination can take you a long way. That's what Amie is all about," said Warren Athletic Director Lenny Chimino.

No worries Amie-the 2002 games await you! But moreso, you've already proven yourself and won a gold medal in a lot of people's eye's.

> 7. Competing with the world's best is always a tall order. But Antioch Shotokan Karate (ASK) student Jon Mrozinski has been there. Mrozinski, 17, a senior at Grayslake High School, traveled to Budapest, Hungary at the end of November to compete in the Junior World Karate Championship.

"It's kind of overwhelming," said Mrozinski before he took the trip. "I'm expecting intense competition and that kind of makes me nervous. But I'll cope and try to win."

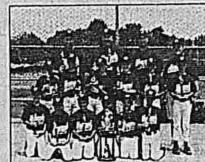
Mrozinski, a Round Lake resident, qualified for the World Championships by winning the gold at the National Tournament and two bronze medals at the Junior Olympics. In addition, Mrozinski was personally invited by the National Team Committee.

"He didn't place but was right there in the Kumite and Kata divisions," said Sensei Anna Conners. "He was a little banged up with his ribs and knee but was a great representative for ASK. For his first year competing at that level, he did very well. He was also the first student I've had that qualified for the world competition."

8. A group of Wauconda Jr. Bulldogs baseball

contingent sparked interest in summer's pastime as a Wauconda team had done for several years.

Months of hard work led Jeff Jackson's team to a conference



Wauconda Jr. Bulldogs

title. More memorable was a 6-3 record at Cooperstown, site of the Baseball Hall of Fame. In individual competitions, Brian Siedlecki was third in the country in the Road Runner competition while pitcher Jeff Jackson became the first 8year-old to throw a one-hitter at the park, capping a 21-1 victory over a California team.

"It was unbelievable. We finished as one of the top eight teams in the nation. People would come up to us and ask us where Wauconda is," coach Jackson said.

The Jr. Bulldogs fared well at the state tournament at Lake Villa.

9. Antioch High School's varsity baseball team definitely made a name for itself around the county last season, finishing second (10-4) in the tough North Suburban Conference. But more importantly, when the post-season arrived, the Sequoits stepped it up a notch by claiming its first-ever regional title (Waukegan) in school history.

Behind the solid pitching of notables Brandon Clutts and Chris Malec, Antioch cruised through the regionals and wound up finishing one game short of the Elite Eight, losing to eventual state runner-up Fremd in the Barrington Sectional.

The Sequoits also set a school record for wins in a season, finishing the 2000 campaign 29-8. The offense was potent from top to bottom, with key players such as Nick Chris Kocinski, Jason Schuler, Jim Richardson, Brad Groth and Tim Clutter, leading the way.

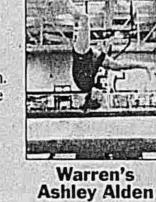
"I can't ask for anything more," said Head Coach Paul Petty. "These guys played their hearts out. We had a great run this season."

And most of them are back for the 2001 season. Scary thought!

10. After a 15-year absence, varsity gymnastics returned with a vengeance at Warren **Township High**

School. And a large part of the Blue Devils' success hinged on the talents of freshman sensation Ashley Alden.

Alden claimed the all-around title in the Lake County Invitational, the North Suburban Conference Meet and the Libertyville regional. As a team, the Devils won county and took second in the NSC and regional meets.



But Alden really opened some eye's at the state meet, where she scored a meet record 9.75 in the beam routine. Safe to say, she was the state champion in that event.

Fellow team members Sarah Padula, also a state qualifier last year (bars), Christy Worth and Erin Schmidt set the tone and provided a solid nucleus for this year's squad.

And by throwing into the equation newcomers, freshman Danyelle Aber and Shannon McDonough, Warren has already proven in the early-going of the current season that they are not about to let up.

"Last year, it was the Ashley Alden Show," said Head Coach J.R. Halek. "But this year, you can call it the Warren Show. Ashley's more determined and we're counting on her for leadership in helping out the freshman (Aber and McDonough). She (Alden) knows she has a team behind her now."

And to coin the phrase, sounds like Warren is poised to reload, not rebuild, where gymnastics is concerned.

John Phelps, Steve Peterson and Rob Backus contributed to this report. File photos.

NEIGHBORS

Fear on the road for the holidays

It's been said that "There's no place like home for the holidays," but perhaps not if you have to drive to get there. According to a national survey of more than 1,000 people conducted by Response Insurance, a direct-to-the-consumer auto insurance company focusing on responsible drivers, 67 percent of drivers say that the holidays are the most dangerous time to be on the road.

Americans will be shopping, visiting family and friends and getting away for winter vacations, but they'll be doing so with anxiety about both the drive ahead and the other drivers they may encounter along the way. When questioned about the ability of other drivers, 83 percent of those polled expressed fears that other drivers are not paying sufficient attention to the road, 75 percent feared aggressive drivers and 74 percent were fearful of drivers who may have been drinking and/or using drugs.

"Unfortunately what should be one of the most joyful times of the year is often marred by the reality of dangerous behavior on the road," said Mory Katz, chairman of Response Insurance. Katz suggested that drivers not let the frantic pace of the season obstruct the goal of getting to their destinations safely. He suggested that

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I relax by: Watching television and playing on the computer Last book I read: "Hearts in Atlantis" by Stephen King Favorite TV show is: "Everybody Loves Raymond"

Favorite movie is: "Kingpin"

Favorite music: I like everything

Favorite band and musician: Allman Brothers and Frank Zappa

Favorite restaurant: Saluto's in Gurnee My life's motto is: "Dig and be dug in return!"

If I could be anyone in history I would be: Thomas A. Edison

If I won the lottery, I would: Take care of my family and friends

My greatest accomplishments are: Being married to Debbie, and building a business over seven years, after starting with nothing

I want to be remembered as: A nice guy

People who knew me in high school would say: I was a nice guy

My pet peeve is: Inconsiderate drivers

Most interesting person I ever met was: Steve Dahl

My dream job would be: I'm doing it

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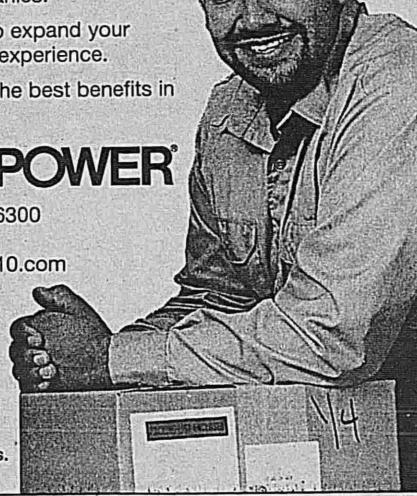
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12-3 p.m., Family Activity held at the Kenosha Public Museum, 5608 Tenth Ave. Friday's activity, "Aleut Sun Visors" features the creation and decoration of your own sun visor. Advance registration is not required, call the museum for details at (262) 653-4140

Saturday, December 30

9:30-11 a.m., Singles Breakfast Group for ages 55 plus. Held at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. in Gurnee. Come and make new friends. For details, call Pat at 367-4936

Sunday, December 31 New Year's eve celebrated

Monday, January 1 Happy New Year!!

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 a.m., Dynamic Resources professional women's networking group meeting at the Centre Club Cafe (next to Condell Hospital) in Libertyville. For more information call Lori Wenman at 367-1009 or Gina Collins at 367-1171

6:45 p.m., Antioch VFW Bingo, doors open 4:30 p.m., call 395-5393

7:30 p.m., St. Peter Council of Catholic Women meet at parish hall, call 395-0274

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rte. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 356-6181

Wednesday, January 3

7-8:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis offers free support groups in Lake County for women who are victims of physical, emotional or psychological abuse. Meetings in Round Lake, call 249-4450

6:30 p.m., TOPS Weight Loss weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, info. at 395-6437 or 395-8143

7-9 p.m., Northern Lake County Quilter's Guild meets at State Bank of the Lakes in Lindenhurst, for further information, call Valerie at 838-2126

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7 p.m., American Sewing Guild group "Running in Stitches meets. For location information, call Janet at 265-7932 or Chris at 548-8223

8-9 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets at In-Laws restaurant in Gurnee, guests invited, for information, call 548-5305

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8 a.m., The American Business Women's Association, Express Network of the Lakes meets at Keller Williams Realty Office on Rte. 83 just south of Rte. 173, Antioch. Mark your calendar a "Superbowl of Women" luncheon will be held on Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. at Saluto's Restaurant, Gurnee. Valerie Gora will give a presentation "On being "Super" fit for business". For info. or tickets, call Nancy at 838-6500, Cathy at 395-5900 or Karen at 395-3454

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It's that time of year—those pesky New Year's resolutions

Now that the Christmas frenzy is over, we can concentrate on the more important things that face us, like paying off our credit cards and coming up with a New Year's Resolution that is realistic. Last year everyone was so concerned about the Y2K bug taking over at the stroke of midnight'on New Years Eve that nobody bothered to worry about resolutions. Most people were convinced the end was near and resolutions were worthless. But here it is a whole year later, and we are still on the face of the earth, so we had better buckle down and attend to the business at hand.

The list that appears in front of us is long, it contains all of our weakness just waiting to be this year's new goal or failure. Should we start a diet and drop those extra pounds that we have been carrying around since our first child was born. Maybe we shouldn't over challenge our will power and just vow to eat healthier. Let's not start off too drastic, we wouldn't want to throw our digestive system all off kilter. Knowing it functions on greasy



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foods galore, perhaps we could just start slowly by ordering a side salad along with that burger and fries. Should we quit smoking, kicking that nicotine habit once and for all to allow ourselves the ability to savor tasty foods, enjoy the fresh scent of flowers and delight in car windows that aren't covered in a grimy film. Maybe we will strive to be more organized.

Join the millions of others in this high tech world and purchase one of those new palm organizers that store all your muchneeded information. It can keep your calendar up-to-date, your address book on hand, and a wealth of other little ditties that no organized soul would be caught without. Of course, if you are in the habit of double booking yourself at every turn of the day, no hand held little device is going to be able to help you. Organizing your time may require a little more self control in the "over achievement" and "can't say no" department.

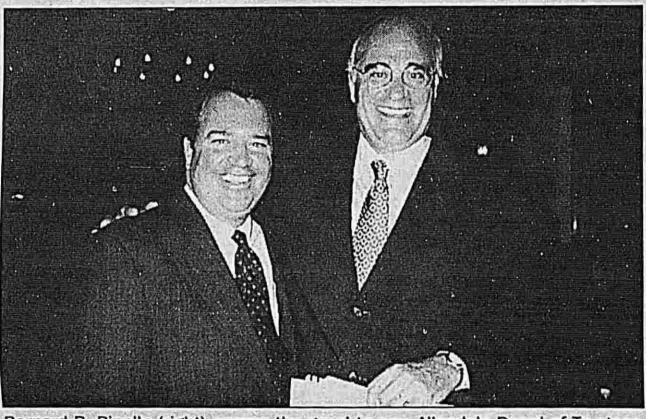
Perhaps our resolution will not be so personal, but broader, extending out to our spouse, children or home. Maybe we will vow to keep a neater abode, or be more attentive to what we put in our children's lunches. No more bologna and cheese along with a paper napkin. Maybe we will expand their cuisine to a new level and go with corned beef on rye and cloth napkins. Maybe we will actually fold the washed underwear and put it in the dresser rather than just plucking a fresh pair out of the laundry basket every day as it sits on the bedroom floor. Or maybe we won't wait until there isn't a single clean eating

utensil in the drawer before washing the dishes. And if the spirit really moves us, perhaps we will even take dinner's carry-out food, out of the Styrofoam container and serve it on those dinner plates that are growing dusty in the cabinet.

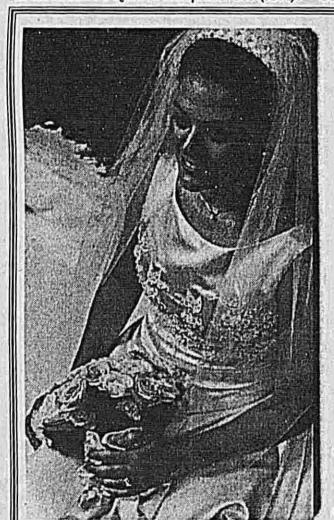
The list grows endless, the opportunities abound, the possibilities are far reaching; on the other hand though, the effort requires way more energy than most of us can supply. But for all of you out there who have the strength and endurance, the will power and the stamina, the self control and the dedication—good luck, best wishes and remember, if you fail miserably, there is always next year. Happy New Year.

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Bernard B. Rinella (right) passes the gavel to new Allendale Board of Trustees Chairman F. Quinn Stephan Jr. (left).—Submitted photo



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One of the featured speakers graduated from Allendale in 1963 and is a teacher at near-by Woods Academy. The other two alumni are graduates from Allendale's programs: one a graduate from Seattle University studying environmental sciences, and one a student at Northern Illinois University studying marketing and communications. All three guest speakers provided thought provoking, personal testimony of the very worthwhile, life-impacting tradition of the Allendale Association.

The trustees also honored prominent Chicago Matrimonial Lawyer, longtime Allendale Board member, and chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bernard B. Rinella as he passed the gavel to the new chairman, F. Quinn Stepan Jr., president and CEO of the Stepan Company in Northfield.

In recognition of Rinella's 33 year tenure as a trustee, F. Quinn Stepan Jr. stated, "Bernie has been a faithful servant and protector of the children in Allendale's care. He unselfishly contributes his time, talents and treasures beyond measure." Rinella will continue to serve on Allendale's Board.

The annual meeting was also attended by local leaders in the community from education, such as Roycealee Wood, Regional Superintendent of the Regional Office of Education, and the government, such as Lake Villa Mayor, Frank Loffredo. In all, everyone attended to help celebrate Allendale's past success and the bright prospects for future.

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Making Christmas memories

Eleven-year-old Missy Matt of Antioch shows Hillcrest nursing center resident Elfreda Edlesbury Christmas gifts that were donated to residents of the Round Lake Beach facility.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

New land purchase expands forest preserves, protects Middlefork grass savanna

The Lake County Forest Preserve board of commissioners has approved a new land buy that protects a rare savanna, harbors endangered plant and wildlife species, and preserves environmentally sensitive wetlands at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve near Lake Forest.

The Lake County Forest Preserves purchased 55 acres adjacent to Middlefork Savanna for \$2.4 million. The new purchase brings the Preserve's acreage to 576, and expands the Lake County Forest Preserves total land holdings to 22,245 acres.

"Our action today provides further protection for a rare tall grass savanna at Middlefork that has received worldwide recognition for its ecological significance. Buying this land also expands the Forest Preserves ownership of a valuable watershed and adds a needed buffer to Middlefork Savanna," stated Al Westerman, president of the Lake County Forest Preserves. "The 55-acre parcel also provides safe harbor for endangered species and several exceptional wetlands that feed into the Chicago River and Middlefork Savanna."

The \$2.4 million purchase expends remaining land acquisition funds from the April 1999 referendum, and marks the first purchase

made using funds from the November 2000 referendum, and marks the first purchase made using funds from the November 2000 referendum, and marks the first purchase made using funds from the November 2000 referendum, overwhelming approved by 67 percent of voters. The cost of the new land buy will be offset by a \$200,000 grant received from the Corporation for Open Lands (CorLands), a division of the Chicago-based OpenLands Project.

An additional \$1.2 million from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources OpenLands Trust grant program is pending review and approval, and if received, would also help fund the new purchase. by leveraging the sale with the grants, the total net cost to the Lake County Forest Preserves for the purchase of the 55-acre parcel is \$1 million, or 58 percent of the original price.

Located east of Interstate 94 off Bradley Rd. along with western border of Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve, the 55-acre purchase provides added protection for the Preserve's fragile ecosystem and allows for expanded restoration of wetlands and woodlands.

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Forest Preserve president makes key committee appointments

At a special meeting of the Lake County Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners, newly elected Forest Preserve President Al Westerman named his committee appointments. All will serve two-year terms that end December 2002

"I prepared a balanced slate that reflects the professional interests and skills of individuals commissioners. These strong committee leaders and members will work hard for Lake County residents and for the Forest Preserves as they serve over the next two years," said Westerman.

Martha A. Marks was appointed chair of the Finance and Administrative Committee, with Bonnie Thomson Carter as vice-chair. Committee members are Robert M. Buhai, Carol Calabresa, Angelo D. Kyle, Peggy Shorts and Michael S. Talbett.

Sandy Cole was appointed chair of the Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee, with Loretta McCarley as vice-chair. Committee members are Robert M. Buhai, Bonnie Thomson Carter, Larry Leafblad, Judy Martini, Martha Marks, Diana O'Kelly and Suzi Schmidt.

Peggy Shorts was appointed Chair of the Development, Restoration and Planning committee, with Robert G. Sabonjian as vice-chair. Committee members are Sandy Cole, Loretta McCarley, Pamela O. Newton, Brent C. Paxton and Carol Spielman.

Diana O'Kelly was appointed chair of the Revenue Facilities committee, with Brent C. Paxton as vice-chair. Committee members are Judy Martini, Stevenson Mountsier. Audrey H. Nixon, David Stolman and Michael S. Talbett. Audrey H. Nixon was appointed chair of the Education, Cultural Resources and Public Information committee, with Stevenson Mountsier as vice-chair. Committee members are Mary Beattie, carol Calabresa, Robert G. Sabonjian, John E. Schulien and Carol Spielman.

Sandy Cole was appointed as chair of the Rules committee, with Brent C. Paxton as vicechair. Committee members include Carol Calabresa, Angelo D. Kyle, Judy Martini, Martha Marks, Pamela O. Newton, Diana O'Kelly, John E. Schulien, Peggy Shorts and Michael S. Talbatt

Bonnie Thomson Carter was appointed chair of the Legislative and President's Advisory committee, with Martha Marks as vice-chair. Committee members include Sandy Cole, Audrey H. Nixon, Diana O'Kelly, John E. Schulien and Peggy Shorts.

Other key appointments include Sandy Cole as treasurer and Diana O'Kelly as assistant treasurer. The liaisons to the Friends of Ryerson Woods are Pamela O. Newton and Martha Marks. Pamela O. Newton was re-appointed to serve as the board representative to the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Association of Conservation and Forest Preserve Districts.

Audrey H. Nixon will continue as chair of the Minority Affairs Committee, with Angelo Kyle as vice chair. Committee members are Robert G. Sabonjian, Suzi Schmidt and Peggy Shorts. Representatives to the Wetlands Demonstration Project are Loretta McCarley, Suzi Schmidt and Al Westerman. The chairman of the 29th annual Seniors Day Recognition event will be Larry Leafblad.

CLC Board approves several new degree and certification options

The College of Lake County board of trustees approved the addition of an associate in applied science degree in Information Technology in the Computer Information System (CIS) program and five short-term certificate options in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning program.

The new CIS degree option will prepare students to become information technology support technicians, an in-demand field that requires skills in maintaining and managing computer networks. The curriculum will include comprehensive courses in computer hardware and software management and computer networking. The program will take effect in August 2001, pending approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and Illinois Com-

munity College Board.

The five new refrigeration and air condi-

tioning certificates are Residential Heating Technician, commercial Refrigeration Technician, Electrical Troubleshooting Technician, Residential Air Conditioning Technician and Residential Air Conditioning Specialist. These 12 and 14 credit hour certificates can be completed in one semester, and students will quickly gain the necessary skills for entry-level positions in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration. The addition of these certificates reflects the college's continuing effort to respond to the needs of students who seek to acquire job skills quickly, said CLC President Gretchen Naff. She added that the certificates have been designed to be components of CLC's degree program in refrigeration and air conditioning, allowing students to return for further education to advance their careers.









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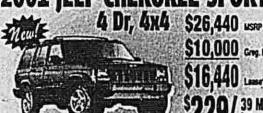
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A DIGEST OF STORIES MAKING HEADLINES THROUGHOUT OUR REGION

Proposition back on ballot

ANTIOCH — A proposition put forth by Antioch Community High School (ACHS) Dist. 117 to increase the maximum annual educational tax rate from the current 1.32 percent to 1.60 percent, an increase of .28 percent will go back on the ballot for the April election.

The money will pay for the additional operational costs of the two high schools that will be in operation within the next five years as referenda for \$55 million in building bonds was approved in the November election.

"It's something we surely need," said Supt. Dennis Hockney. "The extra money is still going to be required. We can't build a second building, and then not operate it."

Only 47 percent of the vote supported the tax rate increase in the November election.

Joint administration building

ANTIOCH — With the help of State Rep. Timothy Osmond (R-Antioch), \$900,000 of Illinois First money has been secured to plan and construct a building that will provide space for the administration offices of both the Antioch Township and for the high school offices. Additionally, there will be a large area for senior citizen and community program, and it will be the site for the Meals on Wheels program for Northwest Lake County.

The building is tentatively being called the Antioch-Lake Villa Center.

ACHS donated the land for the site, located on the north end of the property where the new high school is to be built at the northeast corner of the intersection of Deep Lake and Grass Lake roads, and will extend utilities from the high school to the center.

Antioch townships has plans to use the proceeds from the sale of its current building to help with the construction costs, and Lake Villa will add to the funding kitty as well.

Levy rate continues to decline FOX LAKE - Village of Fox Lake taxpavers

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can expect to see a decrease in taxes from the in the area. approved levy rate. The board approved a rate of \$3.84, compared to the 1999 rate of \$3.95

The impact on a \$100,000 home will decrease from \$395.33 to \$384.07.

Trustee Kevin Hunter, chairman of the finance committee, and Mayor James Pappas praised the many hours of hard work by the treasurer's office in making the decrease in the rate and increase in collections possible.

"Not many villages can say they lowered taxes in the last four years," said Pappas. "All the credit goes to trustee Hunter and the treasurer's staff. As a resident and a taxpayer, I appreciate all the hard work."

Pornography charges to stand

LIBERTYVILLE - Lake County judge James Booras has refused to throw out child pornography charges against a 44-year-old Libertyville man who allegedly accepted a package of video cassettes containing child pornography tapes.

Gordon James MacArthur was arrested at MacArthur Engineering and Research July 20, located at 13743 W. Laurel Dr. in Lake Forest, after he signed for a package police say he knew contained child pornography. Authorities watched MacArthur accept the package from a man posing as a mail carrier, then converged on him after he signed for the video tapes.

His trial is slated for April 9, 2001.

Open land purchased

LIBERTYVILLE - Libertyville Community High School Dist. 128 has joined forces with the village of Libertyville to purchase the Burridge-Koll property on Rte. 176 directly across from Libertyville High School. It consists of about 5 acres of land.

The partnership developed by the village and Dist. 128 will benefit the high school's pressing need for more playing fields and give the village the ability to provide additional open and passive recreational land to residents.

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Also S.A.L.T. (seniors, and law enforcement together) sweetened the holiday season for area seniors by delivering 10 food baskets throughout Avon Township.

A Christmas party at the family resource center saw 40 children receive Christmas presents.

Firemen list loss at \$35,000 WAUCONDA - Wauconda and a handful

of other fire departments fought a house fire Dec. 19 at a home that is a neighbor to the Wauconda Fire Dept.'s Main St. station.

"It started in the basement of the home. The husband could not get down the stairs," said Wauconda Fire Chief Dave Dato.

The fire caused \$35,000 in damage and displaced one family.

Fire departments on the scene were: Countryside, Lake Zurich, Fox Lake and Mundelein.

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MIDDLEFOLK

A site inventory of the new land revealed exceptional woodland knolls surrounding wetlands of varying types and sizes. Six natural communities found on the property include oak savanna, oak woodland, mesic prairie, wet prairie, sedge meadow, and basin marsh. These natural areas offer valuable new habitat for plants and wildlife and opportunities for expanded restoration of the Preserve's black soil savanna.

The 55-acre addition to Middlefork Savanna also provides valuable protection for state and federally listed species found on the new site and on the adjacent Preserve, such as the Blanding's Turtle.

Unique to this property is one large interconnected Advance Identification (ADID) wetland that supports high quality plant communities. This wetland is part of a larger wetland complex that includes Middlefork Savanna and eight other ADID wetlands.

The entire site drains to the North Branch of the Chicago River across the Middlefork Savanna. Protection of this small tributary to the Chicago River allows the Forest Preserve to continue active restoration of the wetlands and woodlands, which would greatly improve the overall water quality and habitat for a variety of plant and wildlife species.

The Middlefork Savanna purchase meets many of the land acquisition criteria set forward in tow successful Forest Preserve bond referenda, approved by 67 percent of Lake County voters in 2000 and 66 percent of voters in 1999.

Middlefork Savanna features a mix of oak savanna and woodlands, wet and mesic prairies, sedge meadows and marsh wetlands.

Over 25 of the Preserves' 576 acres are considered the highest quality tall grass savanna of its kind in the nation and a globally threatened ecosystem. The land management efforts have restored more than 50 additional acres to their original tall grass savanna state. Chicago Wilderness has identified Middlefork Savanna as one of the most important sites for biodiversity in Northeastern Illinois.

Trail access and nature restoration efforts are underway at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve near Lake Forest following a ground breaking hosted by the Lake County Forest Preserves in November 2000.

Improvements for the Preserve include creating a 4.5 mile trail with five bridges and two boardwalks, and a parking area; restoring and managing the Preserve's oak woodland, savanna, prairie and wetland communities through active land management programs; and establishing Middlefork Savanna as a national ecological research site and outdoor classroom for universities, schools, and other organizations. Anticipated completion for trail construction is fall 2001. Restoration efforts at the Preserve are ongoing.

The entrance to the Preserve will be located on Waukegan Rd. (Rte. 43) north of Rte. 60 and south of Rte. 176 near Lake Forest, through the new Middlefork Farms development.

For more information about the Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve, call the Lake County Forest Preserves at 367-6640. For a free set of trail maps, newsletters and other information about the Lake County Forest Preserves, call the automated Preserve packet hotline at 968-3335.

Horticulture and Automotive classes for Hispanic students

A horticulture class in Shrub Identification and an automotive class in Engine Rebuilding will be offered this spring at College of Lake County for Spanish-speaking students. These classes are designed to help Hispanic students pursue a new career, upgrade their job skills or advance their careers.

The 16-week Shrub Identification class will be offered from 4-6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 17-April 4. A free ESL support class will follow at 7 p.m. for those who need help with language skills. Students who successfully complete the horticulture class can earn three credits that can be applied toward a Certificate in Landscape Maintenance, which requires completion of just five courses.

The Engine Rebuilding class will be offered

from 7-9:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 16-May 10. No previous experience is needed to attend this class. A free ESL Support class will precede the automotive class at 6 p.m. CLC's automotive technology program is master-certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation. Students who wish to continue their studies may consider attending other courses that lead to several short-term certificates.

The horticulture and automotive classes will be taught in English; however students will receive support services, including tutoring and translation of classroom handouts and test materials by a bi-lingual instructor.

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EDITORIALS

Taking fitness to a new level

enter Club Gurnee opened for a press preview Thursday,
Dec. 28, to rave notices. Combining glitz and serious fitness
programs, the new facility on Hunt Club Rd. is an affiliate of
Condell Health Network, Lake County's largest health

Under the watchful eye of medical experts, Centre Club members can take advantage of such programs as weight management, behavior modification, physical therapy and cardiac rehabilitation. Besides workout equipment, the center offers other features like a lap pool, therapeutic pool, jogging track, cafe and snack bar and complimentary child care.

In reality, Center Club is a monument to fitness. Even as the medical center in Libertyville initiates an \$88 million construction project, Condell officials continue to expand resources to ensure that good living depends on a healthy lifestyle which is available to everyone through modern fitness programs.

Jail bulging, needs expansion

severly stressed county justice system is due for remediation in 2001. Sheriff Gary Del Re has called for immediate action to expand jail facilities. Providing more beds will be a priority of the new county administration of chairwoman Suzi

Population growth of 20 percent in the last few years to more than 600,000 persons has left the jail in Waukegan bulging at the seams. The number of calls for service to the sheriff's office more than tripled from 1990 to 1999. The number of criminal filings nearly doubled. The sheriff reports a pre-trial caseload growth from 75 in 1988 to 500 last year. Admissions of non-sentenced inmates to the Lake County Jail increased 71 percent. Even employing alternatives to incarceration as we spoke about recently, the average daily inmate population increased 73 percent.

The sheriff concentrates on unincorporated areas. More than three dozen individual police departments utilize facilities of the county jail. The sum of county law enforcement creates a staggering demand for init hade.

Sheriff Del Re anticipated jail needs more than three years ago with the creation of a minimum security planning team to be responsibile for long-term solutions. The sheriff feels county officials have an excellent assessment of current needs as well as projections for the next 20 years.

VIEWPOINT

2000 eventful year: good outshines bad

ith a Republican in the White House and the GOP having a firm grip on Congress, how can it not be a happy holiday season?

Hold on, you say. Voted for Gore. What's merry about Christmas this year? A lot, faithful reader. A lot. Let's take a few moments to look back and look around the home front.

As a presidential election year, politics took front and center early. The new year featured a parade of Congressional hopefuls scrambling for a single Republican nomination in the 10th District. Mark Kirk was the victor, but an impressive array of also-rans will stock the party talent pool for years to come. Among them Shawn Donnelly, Mark Damisch, John Cox and Jim Golka.

Economic maestro Claude
LeMere engineered a nature-entertainment center that will serve Antioch for years. His encore will be a new retail center to compliment one of Lake County's most robust main street economies. Mundelein's new street scape rehab will serve as an attractive backdrop for the fire station and construction of a new police station.

Finally, an elected official has stepped forward to challenge the Rte. 53 collossus. Shields Township Supervisor **Chuck Fitzgerald** is cutting through the fog bank kneejerk support for a highway building scheme that will stall progress in many parts of the county.

Lake Villa Mayor **Frank Lofreddo**, an ardent biker, is dusting off his favorite Harley for parade escort duty. His community tosses out the welcome mat as the 2001 centennial community.

Virtually single-handed, **Bob**Wegge is taking Grayslake by the hand to construct a clock tower memorial to veterans. Maru Tomusiak proved that it takes only one person to get the ball rolling with the esablishment in Round Lake Park of a resource center to serve Latinos from all over Lake County.

Historians **Trig** and **Dottie Watson** continue to demonstrate how a community will respond to oldfashioned patriotism with a rousing traditional July 4 celebration centered around the Fort Hill Historical Society Museum.

Martin Tuohy ought to get the Never-Say-Die Award (if there is one) for continuing to push his University Station concept for revitalizing Lakehurst Shopping Center with a higher education component. College of Lake County landed the



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new multi-versity, but Tuohy won't be far behind. Also on the educational front, Shimer College President **Don Moon** set the stage for special events celebrating the school's 150th anniversary. Another seat of higher learning, Lake Forest's Barat College, merged with DePaul University to further local access to world class education.

With Piped Piper enthusiasm, Hastings Lake YMCA Director **Jim Scherer** is embracing an area including Gurnee, Lake Villa-Lindenhurst, Fox Lake-Ingleside, the Round Lake area and Grayslake to provide family-orientated Y programs. He's not afraid to ask for help. And he gets it.

On the business front, long-time farm implement and truck dealer Al Peterson Sr. received well-deserved recognition from the Illinois Retailers Assn. Despite a busy schedule as chief executive of a forging company, Jim McKinley stepped up to accept chairmanship of the Fox Waterway Agency, a vital cog in ensuring Chain O' Lakes safety and water quality.

Mundelein Village Admin. **Ken Marabella** is "making noise" by

promoting the silencing of train whistles in a pilot-program that could go national in 2001. Now if he can do something about the whistle-happy engineer who pilots a 2:30 a.m. freight on Metra North he'll have the gratitude of residents of Fox Lake, Round Lake, Grayslake and Libertyville plus your faithful scribe.

For grassroots volunteerism, more people are needed like **Jim** and **Helen Heler** of Vernon Hills who are helping with the spade work to keep North Chicago Veterans Hospital open. Another undaunted couple is **George** and **Vickie Ranney** of Prairie Crossing fame. Their vision of cluster residential development to provide walk-to access for rail commuting definitely is the wave of the future.

Modern educators could take a lesson from **Dennis Hockey**, superintendent of Antioch Community
High School, who parlays personal community involvement into success for his school. Ditto for **Roycelee Wood** of the Regional School Superintedent's Office who serves on more boards than anyone we know. Can't beat face-to-face networking.

For sheer civic energy, no one tops Jack Potter. He may not achieve his quest for mayor of Waukegan, but it won't be for lack of effort. OK, for willpower match Rosemary Mers, who has transformed Wauconda into the Grandmother's capital of the nation along with a host of other community endeavors.

Our world is full of good people who outnumber the bad. We've been able to mention only a few. All in all, the year 2000 turned out to be happy time.



An old political name may become a rising star—William M. Daley

ime and circumstances can determine, in the political world, who may emerge as a potential political candidate for high office.

I believe that the presidential election and all that has transpired since then makes the case that a new political star on the Illinois horizon may be shining brightly. It's not a new name; in fact, it's a household name in the world of politics.

Before the last governor's election in Illinois, I had suggested to some political types that, for the Democrats, it might be a wise idea to consider that Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley would be a strong candidate to run for governor. I'm sure that the notion never trickled back to the mayor and I don't know if he has ever considered anything but sticking to the present job that he really loves.

There are those who would say that the ever present Chicago vs. Downstate "split" would preclude a Daley from Chicago as a potential candidate for governor of Illi-



nois. I disagree.

Even when there was a bigger jurisdictional animosity years ago when Richard J. Daley was mayor, I always sensed that many downstaters respected him and his leadership. There is just as much respect downstate for Richard M. Daley, and I believe that the demographics in the suburbs have changed so much that a Daley on the statewide ticket would be a dramatic boost for the Democrats' hopes to win back the governorship after a long dry spell of 28 years.

The "new kid" on the political block has become William M. Daley, brother of Chicago Mayor Daley, and former U.S. Commerce Secretary. He received some notoriety from his cabinet position, but he has really zoomed since taking on his responsibility as campaign manager for Al Gore when his campaign was floundering.

As Gore's chief political spokesman during the election recount aftermath, Bill Daley has received nationwide publicity and general praise for the way that he has handled the position.

I am not the only one who believes that Bill Daley would add energy to the Democrats on the
statewide ticket in 2002. A recent
column in a Chicago newspaper
suggested a ticket with U.S. Sen.
Richard J. Durbin running for governor and Bill Daley for the U.S. Senate appears to being pushed by
House Speaker Michael J. Madigan
and other Democratic leaders. Of
course, all of that hinges on whether
Sen. Durbin is willing to switch from
running for re-election to the Senate
for a run for governor.

My political sense tells me that the Durbin-Daley combo would be

an exceptionally strong team, but I believe that the positions should be reversed, with Durbin running for re-election to the Senate and Daley running for Governor. Can it get any stronger than that?

The last time that a Democratic senator from Illinois chose to give up his seat to run for governor, it didn't work out for Democrats. Adlai Stevenson III lost to Governor Jim Thompson. I'm sure that Sen. Durbin will mull all of that in his mind as he considers his political future.

History has seemed to indicate that if one has political ambitions to seek the presidency, it is better to attempt the run after public service as a governor than a U.S. Senator.

Otherwise, the only other consideration to step from the senate to governor would be that of getting away from the Washington whirlwind and back close to home. I don't know whether Sen. Durbin is looking ahead at a run for the highest office in the land. That he was highly considered for vice president shows

that his political stock has risen high by his work in the senate.

Bill Daley has much going for him. His political skills are excellent. He has been around politics and government all of his life. He is very articulate. He is charismatic and all who have worked with or around him say that he is genuinely friendly with everyone. He has the Daley trait of not having airs about him; it's what you see that's what you get. Being you'self has become a lost art in politics; with Bill Daley, you won't have to worry about that. He won't allow political consultants to "remake" him.

The 2002 election is a very important one. It is the first election after re-apportionment. The political parties know that it often determines which party will remain in power for the next 10 years, so they will try to put up their strongest statewide slates.

No one knows if Gov. George Ryan will run for re-election.

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PARTY LINES

PARTY LINES, THE LAKELAND NEWSPAPERS' COLUMN OF POLITICAL OPINION, IS PREPARED FROM STAFF REPORTS.

'Odd couple' pairings mark appointments

ew County Board Chair Suzi Schmidt displayed a combination of good politics and a lively sense of humor in her "odd couple" pairings for key committee chairmanships.

Rep. Sandy Cole (R-Grayslake), careful and conservative, was paired with Rep. Angelo Kyle (D-Waukegan) liberal and bright, as chair and vice chair respectively of finance. Cole is going in for a second term as guardian of county spending.

On the highly visible building, planning and zoning committee, Rep. Larry Leafblad (R-Highland Lake), a controlled growth advocate, returns as chair. Schmidt matched Leafblad with Rep. Pam Newton (R-Vernon Hills) for vice chair, a holdover from the go-go days of the early 1990s when promoting rampant growth was a priority.

Named chair of Public Works and Transportation is Rep. **Diana O'Kelly** (R-Mundelein), a go slower on Rte. 53, with vice chairman Rep. **David Stolman** (R-Buffalo Grove), a spear carrier for the controversial highway that gives preservationists fits.

Maybe Schmidt, who has been credited with reaching out to former power bloc members for leadership positions, sees an opportunity to counter balance committee viewpoints. Or watch the fun as opponents lock horns.

Trip tickets

Republicans with a yen to take in inaugural activities in Washington, D.C. are advised to do two things: make hotel reservations and submit a request for tickets to the Lake County Republican Federa-



Loffredo: Presiding over Lake Villa's centennial events.



Newton: Paired with Larry Leafblad on building, planning and zoning committee.

tion. Contact director **Ant Simonian** at 680-6680. Admission to major events is by ticket only. Ticket requests are being cleared through GOP headquarters in Springfield.

Party leaders

Officially, the Lake County delegation to the **George W. Bush** inaugural will be led by Congressmen **Phil Crane** and **Mark Steven Kirk**, who has the distinction of getting more votes in his district than **President-Elect Bush**.

Not racial

Waukegan Ald. Larry TenPas brushed aside criticism of racial politics in casting the lone vote against changing the name of Utica St. to honor Martin Luther King Jr. TenPas said the name change will be a financial burden to business owners in his ward.

CUB speaker

Martin Cohen, director of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), will be guest speaker Wednesday, Jan. 17 at a meeting of the Legislative Breakfast Club sponsored by State Rep. Andrea Moore (R-Libertyville.) Cohen will speak at 7:30 a.m. at the Condell Conference Center, Libertyville. One topic will be high natural gas prices.

Swearing in trip

Newly elected state representatives are sponsoring Springfield trips for persons interested in attending swearing in ceremonies of the 93rd General Assembly at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Arrange-

ments can be made by calling district legislative offices.

Century of progress

Lake Villa is Lake County's centennial community for 2001. Mayor Frank Loffredo personally is serving as general chairman for a year-long series of events. February is the actual charter month: One of the highlights for the public will be a Mansion Walk, an upfront opportunity to view Lake Villa's famous opulent homes of the past.

Durbin running

When U.S. Sen. **Dick Durbin** (D-Ill.) has nice things to say about President-Elect Bush's cabinet appointments, you know campaign 2002 is in full mode. Durbin is running for re-election, obviously edging his way toward the middle where most Illinois voters seem to be.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Two true good Samaritans

was driving south on Hainesville Rd. and noticed a grey tabby cat curled up in the snow. I pulled my car over to see if the cat had a collar and tags. It didn't. I attempted to get to the cat, but the snowdrifts were deeper than my knees.

I drove to my office and called Lake County Animal Control. The nice man who answered told me it was out of their jurisdiction. He told me to call the Round Lake Park-Hainesville Police and gave me their number. The dispatcher advised me that the local policy did not allow them to pick up stray cats. The policy was created after a cat bit an officer. He advised me to call Lake County Animal Control again and tell them that the police department would not pick up the cat.

The same nice man at Animal Control explained to me that they could not go into Hainesville/Round Lake Park jurisdiction. They provide a service that has a fee and the villages will not pay the fee, so they could not pick up the cat. Out of desperation, I offered to pay the fee. Sorry, I was told—it was still a jurisdiction issue. Apparently this innocent freezing animal was nobody's "jurisdiction." Trying to help, the man at Animal Control suggested that I call Mayor Linda Soto of Hainesville. He said that if she knew about the situation he thought she would

Thinking that a mayor would never really get involved, I called anyway. I had no other options. Kathy at the mayor's office answered the phone. I explained the problem and that this poor cat would surely freeze to death. She was sympathetic and stated she would leave a voice mail for the

By this time at least a half-hour had passed and I wasn't even sure that the cat would still be there. I drove back to Hainesville Rd. The cat was in the same place. Frustrated, discouraged and feeling stuck in a stupid bureaucratic world, I started toward my next meeting.

A few minutes later my phone rang.
"I've found a good Samaritan," Kathy told
me. "His name is Bob and he'll meet you
on Hainesville Rd. and rescue the cat for
you." She handed the phone to him and I
described the place I had seen the cat as
best I could. We agreed to meet on the side
of the road.

Bob told me he had tried to reach the cat, but that it had run towards the subdivision behind the road. He told me he was sure that the cat lived there and that its owners had just let it out, a common practice in the area. Then he shook my hand, wished me a happy holiday and told me to

be careful pulling back onto the road. I said thank you, and I, too, left. I don't know if what he told me was true, or if he was just trying to make me feel better. I'd like to think that the cat is now curled up in a nice warm house. What I do know is that a lady took a phone call from a stranger and when "proper channels" seemed too slow, she went out of her way to find another source of help. What I do know is that a man came out on a very cold winter day to help a stranger rescue a strange cat on the side of the road. He was kind and gracious to me and made going out of his way seem like something pleasant. They are both good Samaritans. Thank you, isn't enough. Not only did they help and care about a strange person and lost animal, but they also restored my faith that there are good, caring people in the

Someone once told met that you can judge a person by how they treat the innocent of the world: animals and small children. As an adult I have found this to be true. There is no question about how to judge Kathy and Bob. They didn't concern themselves with jurisdiction or the nasty weather or inconvenience. They just did the right thing. Not the easy thing, the right thing. Judgment is in; there are at least two good Samaritans left.

To Kathy and Bob: thank you for being caring people.

Lisa Hartman-Stackhouse Mundelein

Lines to remember, or forget?

n an old movie I came across on television there was a line about manners:
One woman says to another, "Don't you hate people who don't know when it's time to get up and leave, when the party's over?"

That returned to mind during recent months as we watched our lame-duck president, Bill Clinton, riding off into the sunset—riding off into the sunset—riding off into the sunset.

As Clinton himself said, "I may not have been the greatest president, but I've had the most fun eight years."

In fact, during the past 12 months as I clipped and saved interesting quips and quotes to sum up the year 2000, many were by or about Clinton rather than George W. Bush or Al Gore as one might expect.

For example, basketball icon Michael Jordan, upon meeting Clinton at a game, told the president: "What I'm really looking forward to is a golf game with you."

Apparently, Jordan hadn't read this quote from Georgia Tech college golf star Bryce Molder, who did get to play with Clinton: "He shot a 90. At the end of the game his scorecard said 84."

When Clinton visited Chicago, he said he wanted to see Sue at the Field Museum. A Chicago reporter cracked, "Does he know it's only a dinosaur?"



THE PFARR CORNER

Jerry Pfarr

But enough about Bill Clinton as some of us, but not enough of us, said four years ago.

What did Vice President Al Gore say this year that might become part of history? Well, on election night when Gore called George W. Bush a second time to retract his concession, he said to Bush, "You don't have to get snip-

So much for lines to treasure.

And then there was Gore at his most smarmy, stage-stalking Bush during their last debate. As mom Barbara Bush said, "I thought he was going to hit George."

So much for statesmanship.

A memorable quote from President-Elect
Bush? In September, as he stood at a campaign stop waiting for music to end, unaware
his mike was live, he whispered to running
mate Dick Cheney, "There's Adam Clymer,
major-league (blankety-blank) from the New

York Times."

Only he didn't say blankety-blank; he used a less than classy seven-letter word now heard often in some circles. Bush didn't cave in and apologize and, as it turned out, he didn't need to.

Meanwhile, in the world of sports, Venus Williams, 20, who is being called the Tiger Woods of tennis, once took a congratulatory phone call from Bill Clinton and told the president, "Lower my taxes."

This month, armed with a five-year, \$40-million endorsement from Reebok, she jokes that she might need a word with President-Elect Bush. "My people will have lunch with his people," she quips.

Along with the news that the average major league baseball player is now paid \$1.9 million comes this refreshing perspective from Seattle pitcher John Halama, who makes \$3 million for working a couple of hours 30 days a year: "I'm not really a big baseball fan. I've played it. I love playing the game. But I don't watch baseball at all. I don't read the sports sections. I don't watch ESPN. It's not me."

So, here comes the year 2001. Stay tuned, things are changing at an amazing pace. As newscaster Paul Harvey noted in November, the No.1 rap music superstar is white (Eminem), the world's best golfer is a young black man, and Bill Clinton is in Vietnam.

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SEEING

Every poll has indicated that the Secretary of State scandal will seriously damage his chances if he does choose to run. Republicans who hold state offices are scurrying to seek the governor's position, and Attorney General Jim Ryan seems to be emerging as the top

Having just finished the election, 2002 seems a long time in the future. It isn't. In fact, candidates must file next December for the primary election. That is why these political

decisions of who is or is not going to run will be made in the near future.

Meanwhile, Democrats are singing the tune, "Bill Daley—won't you please come home?" If he does, and runs for governor, I believe that Democrats will field the strongest statewide ticket in many, many years.

Note: After this column was written, Sen.
Durbin did announce that he will run again
for the U.S. Senate.

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Long Term Care Insurance: What You Need To Know

On Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m., "Long Term Care Insurance: What You Need To Know" will be at Victory Memorial Hospital, 134 North Sheridan Road, Waukegan. This free program will provide information on tax deductions, possible future benefit reductions of major managed care plans, standardized medicare supplements, Medicaid and how to choose the best long term care plan for you. To make a reservation call 1-888-869-1118.

Cocaine Anonymous

On Saturday, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m., Cocaine Anonymous meets at Victory Memorial Hospital, 1324 North Sheridan Road, Waukegan. For more information, call 360-4148.

LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL

Kids: Colds and Flu — What to do?

Winter is the time of year your child is most likely to get sick at least once. Join Children's Memorial Hospital's pediatric hospitalist Dr. Virginia Kaperick as she explains how to cope with viruses such as the flu and the common cold. She will address issues like when to go to the doctor, and when and how to treat at home. Date: Tuesday, Jan. 16; Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

Nutritional & Dietary Supplements — Doing it Right!

Join Dr. Rajesh Sharma, MD, to explore the vast world of nutritional supplements and learn how they can be incorporated into one's life safely and effectively. Discover which supplements work, what conditions they are useful for, how to select a supplement and what to avoid. Date: Wednesday, Jan. 17; Time: 7-9 p.m.

Smiling to Babbling: Baby's Showing Personality!

Learn how to stimulate your child's playtime for 4- to 7-month-olds, as baby moves from rolling to sitting. Topics include positive mealtime techniques, establishing bedtime routines and keeping baby healthy.

CONDELL HEALTH NETWORK

Condell's Sleep Disorders

On Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m., Condell's Sleep Disorders Center sponsors Northern Illinois chapter of AWAKE (Alert, Well And Keeping Energetic), the national organization for individuals who experience sleep-disordered breathing. Any person who has a history of sleep apnea, is currently being treated with CPAP, BiPAP, or has undergone surgery for any sleep disorder, is invited. Call 362-2905, ext. 5187.

Prepared Childbirth Class

On Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 6 p.m., Condell Medical Center's three-week Prepared Childbirth Class begins. Call Prenatal Education at 362-2905, ext. 5407.

Free Weight Management **Orientation Program**

On Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m., a free Weight Management Orientation Program will be held at Centre Club, 200 W. Golf Rd., Libertyville. Information is offered about these Medical Center Health Institute programs: NutriQuest, a liquid protein fasting program for individuals 20 percent or more over their ideal body weight; Lean For Life, an 8-week diet and exercise program; Biometrics, a computerized meal plan and personal training for exercise; and Healthy Achievers, an adolescent weight management program. Other programs are Transitions, weight management for pre- and post-menopausal women; Body Talk, a weight management support group; Nutritional Counseling, one-on-one for individual needs; and Weight Masters, a follow-up group for graduates of Lean for Life and Transitions, Reservations requested. Call 362-2905, ext. 5770.

HEALTHWATCH

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Low-fat & luscious desserts for the new year

Organization's first all-desserts cookbook

Over 100 out-of-this-world desserts fill the first all-dessert cookbook from the American Heart Association. You'll be surprised to find out that you don't have to sacrifice even an ounce of flavor to cook desserts the lowfat way. The American Heart Association shows you how. These all-new recipes provide proof positive that you can eat sweet and smart.

"Low-Fat & Luscious Desserts" from the American Heart Association (Clarkson Potter) lets you indulge in delectable desserts that help keep your heart healthy and your waistline trim. With a dream team of pastry chefs, cookbook authors, and television chefs, "Low-Fat & Luscious Desserts" provides recipes for irresistible heart-smart treats that satisfy the sweet tooth of even the most discriminating dessert lover.

Whether you are entertaining friends or cooking for your family, the new year is the perfect time to try out some of these delicious recipes. Kids will enjoy helping make whimsical Gingerbread Window Cookies, which combine cookies and candy. Bend tradition just a little and add some spice to the meal with Frozen Pumpkin Pie with Gingersnap Crust. Or really break out of the rut and dazzle guests with irresistible Tiramisu or mouthwatering Creme Brulee with Peaches.

The American Heart Association offers great tips to adapt those favorite recipes to a heart healthy diet. These substitutions make a big difference in the bottom line — and in your waistline! Here are some heart-smart tricks for treats:

 To intensify the rich flavor of chocolate desserts, add a touch of instant coffee granules.

·When the recipe calls for cream, use fatfree evaporated milk or fat-free liquid nondairy creamer.

•In some recipes, especially those with fruit, a touch of fresh mint adds a blast of fla-

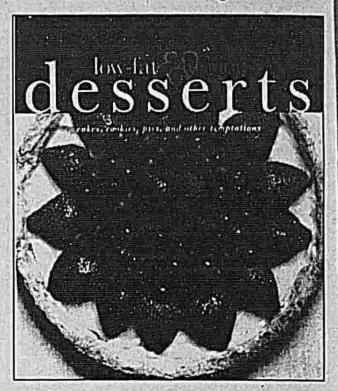
·If a recipe calls for vanilla extract, substitute a real vanilla bean.

 Instead of a high-fat pie crust, try a meringue shell.

 Use unsweetened cocoa powder instead of baking chocolate.

The American Heart Association diet will show you that the foundation for wholesome, heart-smart eating is vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, protein and fat-free or lowfat dairy products. Sweets fit in only as an occasional treat.

The American Heart Association doesn't advocate dessert with every meal — far from it. When you do eat dessert, use your head to help your heart. Good food and good health are a perfect match.



Jacket design for American Heart Association Low Fat & Luscious Desserts

Meet other cancer fighters from your community

People fighting cancer or those who are close to someone fighting cancer should attend a free seminar scheduled for Jan. 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Gurnee Holiday Inn.

"Nutrition and Natural Medicine - The Answer to Cancer?" hosted by Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Midwestern Regional Medical Center, will focus on the benefits of nutrition and naturopathy in the battle to win the fight against cancer.

Speakers for the Cancer Fighter event will be Timothy Birdsall, ND, and Carolyn Lammersfeld, MS, RD, LD.

Birdsall is a doctor of naturopathic medicine with 15 years experience in the discipline. He has been a featured speaker and guest lecturer at dozens of such events throughout to the United States as well as serving a two-year stint as editor-in-chief of "Alternative Medicine Review" among other publications experience.

Birdsall is currently the National Director of Naturopathic Medicine for Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) as well as Director of Naturopathic Medicine at Midwestern Regional Medical Center in Zion.

The practice of naturopathic medicine blends centuries-old knowledge of natural, nontoxic therapies with current advances in the understanding of health aimed at stimulating the body to heal itself. The synergy of naturopathy and conventional medicine allows for the recognition and encouragement of the body's inherent healing abilities and cultivates an attitude of personal responsibility for one's health.

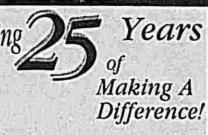
Lammersfeld is the director of nutrition for CTCA at Midwestern Regional Medical Center. Her professional background in nutrition includes work with Northwestern Memorial Hospital and University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics. The nutrition program she guides in Zion is designed to build up the body, prevent malnutrition, reverse the effects of nutritional decline and stimulate the body's natural cancer-fighting ability. Patients are empowered with nutritional options and made aware of cancer-fighting foods they can add to their diet based on their own goals.

The Gurnee Holiday in is located just west of I-94 on the south side of Grand Ave. (Rte. 132). Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Anyone interested in attending the Monday evening seminar is asked to RSVP by calling 1-800-765-9920.

Founded in 1988, Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) manages cancer hospitals, oncology practices and outpatient hospital-based cancer programs that employ a comprehensive, holistic approach to traditional cancer treatment to empower patients to fight their cancer while maintaining a high quality of life. In addition to medically advanced cancer treatments such as surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, CTCA offers complementary treatments, including therapeutic nutrition, psychological and spiritual support and oncology rehabilitation. CTCA programs and facilities are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, The American College of Surgeons and the American College of Pathology, among others. CTCA's Midwestern Regional is the only hospital in Illinois to receive back-to-back accreditation with commendation by JCAHO.

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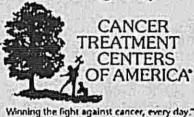
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New Year's resolution: Let's all teach our kids good manners

Hello readers and a healthy, hearty, happy holidays to everyone. I had an experience this week which, I thought, made'a great "New Year's resolution" column for parents. Now, I know this won't be applicable to all of you, but some of you will read this and think of a time that this happened to you and maybe with a few changes, we can make a big difference for all of us.

My family went to the show this last week. Unfortunately from the moment we got there, I was reminded of exactly why I do not like going to the show. While I love being with my family, it was excruciatingly crowded, the organization of lines for people to stand in was badly managed and I don't even want to know what the substance I was sitting on was. My parents assured me someone spilled their pop on the chair. Of course, my



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

little sister, of 35 years old now, but still my "little" sister, boldly pointed out, while giggling, that she thought some kid couldn't hold it. We never miss a chance to get a laugh in our family!

Anyway, a family sat down behind my sister. Two parents and two boys. The boys were about 12 and 10 or so. From the moment the boys sat down, they were putting the bottom of their shoes on the rim of the

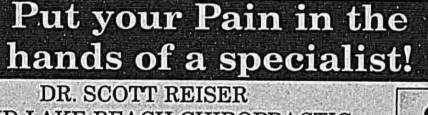
top back of my sister's chair. Right on her hair. They were kicking her chair on a chronic basis. Both parents were clearly in view of this behavior that their kids were participating in and didn't raise one comment about it. Now, just so you understand, the boys were not being malicious. They were impatient and had obviously been dragged to the movie against their collective wills. My sister finally had enough and turned around and politely asked them to stop kicking her chair. Their response was to do it more, again with parents watching and not stopping the behavior. The high point of the evening was at the end of the movie. When the lights came up and my sister had been kicked for 2 hours and 15 minutes straight, these haughty parents had the nerve to give my sister a dirty look.

I will tell you that this type of parental neglect of stopping bad behavior in kids is one of the reasons we have such rampant misbehavior out there all the time. I hear it every day. Parents ask me why so many kids are misbehaving in their kid's classes. We have heard about behavior problems at epidemic proportions. I see it too. The answer to this is as simple as it gets: teach your kids good manners from the start. You see, good manners are a way that we show others that we care about them. It is good will and it is sorely needed in our society today. After you teach good manners, you must enforce them. If disrespectful behavior is going on, especially right in front of your eyes, put a stop to it. Do not allow your child to keep bothering someone else just because this is your child. Allowing the behavior to continue is unfair to the other person and produces a bloated sense of self in the child. A faulty image that he or she is allowed to do anything, anytime, anywhere, no matter how it affects others. Enforcing it is important in cementing it. If those kids were my kids, I would have told them that for each time a foot touched the chair, it was another day grounded for that kid. You watch how fast that kid learns to not hurt someone else that

Good manners are imperative things for kids to have. It is important to their present and future, and parents are the primary teachers. So, for those of you who are teaching your kids how to be respectful, mannerly and how to watch out for others, good for you. For those of you who are not, make it a New Year's resolution to start as soon as possible. You will be very pleased with the results even decades from now!

Have a happy and safe New Year. See you in 2001!

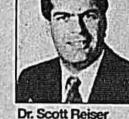
Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to significantly improve their kid's behavior and learning skills fast. Among many other services, she offers a "Parent Survival Training" class for parents. It lasts 3 weeks and has helped countless families to restore good behavior to their kids and peace and quiet to their homes! She is the author of "Why Kids Misbehave" and "Raising Kids Who Don't Become Your Worst Nightmare." For an appointment or to purchase either of Dr. Singer's books, please call (847) 577-8832 or (708) 962-2549.



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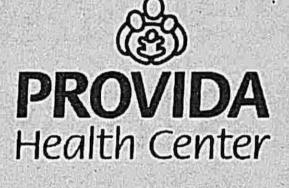
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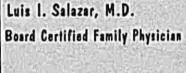
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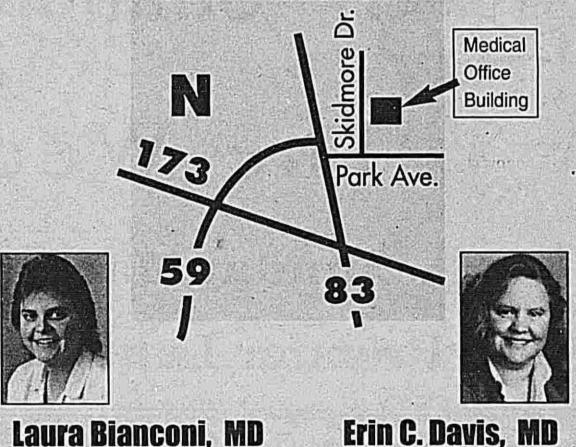
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BRIDAL SHOWCASE 2000

Avoiding wedding destination disasters

More and more, couples are tying the knot in exotic destinations, making their special event even more memorable. One of the most romantic ways couples are choosing to say "I do" is outside of the country. Who could deny the romantic aura of Italy's Venice or the adventurous thrill of a marriage atop the Swiss Alps? Can you imagine saying your vows with a breezy ocean backdrop as the sun's setting rays fall below the horizon?

Unfortunately, these dreamy visions are often clouded over with the forgotten details and hidden hassles involved in getting hitched outside of the country. Many couples are so swept away with the idea of their exotic marriage that they fail to make sufficient plans before, during and after the ceremony, turning their dream wedding into a nuptial nightmare.

But with a little extra planning and knowhow, couples can have the wedding destination of their dreams. The four tips below can be used as a guideline and checklist for the soon to be Mr. and Mrs., and help ensure your exotic wedding goes off without a glitch.

1. Revising the Guest List After choosing a location for your wedding, it's important to figure out who you want to invite to the ceremony. Be realistic with your expectations. If you've chosen Fiji as your wedding destination, it may be difficult and expensive for many guests to attend. One option is to have a reception after you return for guests who couldn't be there. This way, you can share yet another special moment with your new spouse and also with family and friends.

2. Required Wedding Research

A key element of your wedding-abroad is researching the marriage requirements of your chosen destination. In Italy for example, couples are required to visit at least three different offices in order to receive approval from the Italian authorities. It's also important to research the documents that are needed before you get on the plane. Is a birth certificate or divorce deeree required? These are important questions to consider before you make your way to the wedding location.

3. Honeymoon and Wedding All-in-One

Many couples choose to stay on at their wedding location for a memorable honeymoon. But as you prepare for your vacation / wedding, it's important to realize that getting caught up in last minute details can ruin the ceremony, and leave you frazzled for days afterwards. For this reason, it's crucial to plan as much as you can before you leave. If you want certain flowers at the ceremony, make sure they are available at the location before you start trying to find a favorite flower that doesn't grow on the island.

4. Leave it to the Experts

If you are having difficulty researching marriage requirements, hire a professional from the area or a service to help you sort through the details. Not only can a professional ease any existing language barriers, he can also recommend chapels, hotels and supply you with more options than you may be able to find on your own. But be sure that you check references or contact previous cus-

50th ANNIVERSARY

Donald /Marguerite Gaa On Sept. 30, 1950, Donald and Marguerite

(Reilley) Gaa were married in Chicago.

The celebration was held Sept. 30 with a Celebration Mass at St. Peters Church, Antioch, followed by a reception at the Tower Room, Antioch.

The Gaas' entire wedding party of six was in attendance and participated in the church service. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Lawrence Hanley.

Their children also joined in the celebration. They are Donald Gaa Jr. of Wheaton, James Gaa of Greendale, Wis. and William Gaa of Lake Villa. There are seven grandchildren.

Donald has retired from Great America and Marguerite has retired from Lyons-Ryan Ford.



Mr. & Mrs. Gaa in 1950

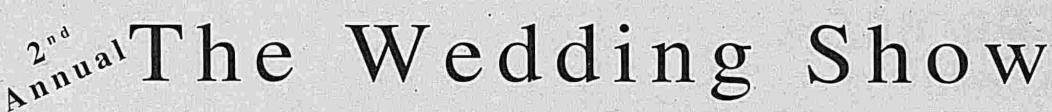


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Biondo/Soltys
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Biondo of Chicago, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tricia Anne to Charles Soltys, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Soltys of Frankfort. The bride-to-be is employed by Infinity Broadcasting's US-99 Radio in Chicago where she is the music director and co-host of the "Ramblin' Ray and Trish" morning show.

Tricia earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Loyola University in Chicago and is a graduate of Mother McAuley High School.

The bridegroom is a law enforcement instructor in Chicago for the United States Department of Justice.

Charles earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. where he also lettered in football. Charles is a graduate of Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing, Mich. The couple was engaged in January during the intermission of the "Disney on Ice." performance at the Allstate Arena.



Tricia Ann Biondo & Charles Soltys

Birdsell/Beadle

Angela Birdsell and Michael Beadle of Milwaukee, Wis. have formally announced their engagement.

Angela is the daughter of Richard and Carol Birdsell of Houston, Texas (formerly St. Cloud, Minn.) She received her associate's degree in Visual Communications and is employed with Journal Interactive as the on-line advertising coordinator.

Michael is the son of Terry and Debbie Beadle of Lake Villa. He received his bachelor's degree in management systems from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and is employed with Northwestern Mutual as a systems analyst.

A July 20, 2001 wedding and reception will take place at the historic Renaissance Place in downtown Milwaukee.



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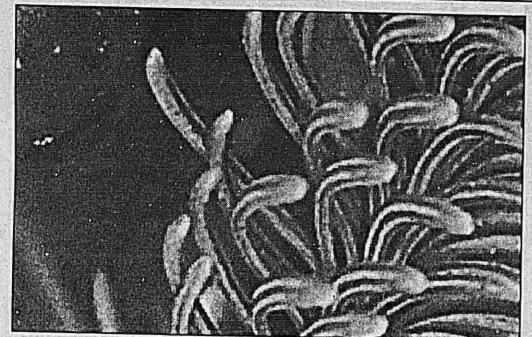


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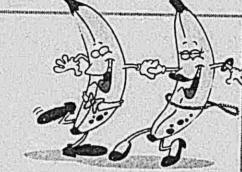
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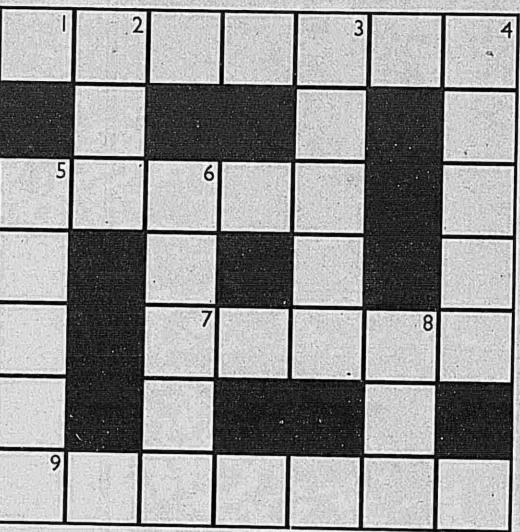
Did You know?



- · Colo, born at the Columbus, Ohio Zoo on Dec. 22, 1956, was the first _____ to be born in captivity?
- · What region of the world, which explorers were trying to reach since the 7th Century, was first visited by Roald Amundsen and his team on Dec. 14, 1911?

Answers below

Kids' Crossword



- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Bright red
- 5. More capable
- 7. Fire
- 9. Type of delivery person

CLUES DOWN

- 2. To steal
- 3. Country in southwest
- 4. "____ Betty," Renee Zellweger movie
- 5. Famous storyteller
- 6. Raises
- 8. Missing soldier

new word slalom

The sport of skiing in a zigzag course



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English:

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Spanish:

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Italian:

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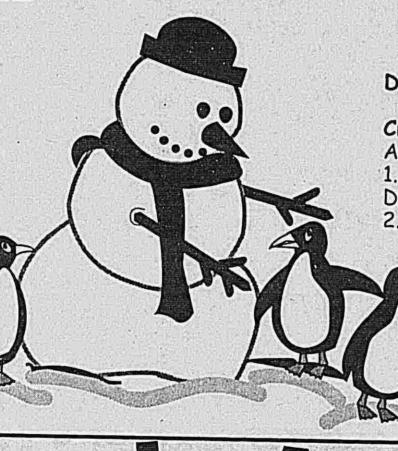
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ANSWERS

Did you Know? Gorilla, South Pole

Crossword

Across

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Robert L. Griffin

Age 82 of Fox Lake passed away suddenly Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born July 29, 1918 in Antioch. On June 18, 1949 he married Irene Pachay in Antioch and she preceded him in death on May 30, 1999.

Survivors include one son, James of Fox Lake.

A Memorial Funeral Mass was held Dec. 23 at St. Peter Church, Spring Grove with the Rev. Andrew Plesa officiating.

There was no visitation.

Interment was private in Hickory Union Cemetery, Newport Twsp.

In lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to a family memorial in his

Spring Grove Funeral Chapel, Spring Grove handled the arrangements.

Roy J. 'Cowboy' McNeill

Age 89 of Lake Villa, passed away Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000 at Provena St. Therese Medical Center, Waukegan. He was born Jan. 15, 1911 in Avon Township on a farm and has lived

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there all of his life. Roy graduated from Antioch High School in 1930 and was a farmer and carpenter and a member of the carpenters union. He operated McNeill Builders as a General Contractor for many years building custom homes in the area. On June 22, 1946 he married Lynette Duell in Grayslake.

Survivors include his wife, Lynette; one daughter, Marie (John) Bidney of Daphne, Ala; three sons, James (Cathy) of Lindenhurst, John (Mary Kay) of Antioch and William of Lake Villa and six grandchildren. He is preceded in death by five

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 29, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Rte. 83) with the Rev. Orrell Ruth of the United Protestant Church of Grayslake, officiating.

Interment will be in Avon Centre Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Avon Centre Cemetery or the Grayslake Rescue Squad in his mem-

William J. Mayer

Age 77 of Antioch, passed away Friday, Dec. 22, 2000 at his home. He was born Jan. 24, 1923 in Cicero, moving to Antioch in 1970. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 525 of Antioch, loved fishing and boating and was a cabinet maker before he retired in 1986. On July 12, 1947 he married Geraldine Lewandowski in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife; one son, William (Diane) of Bristol, Wis. and one daughter, Sherry (Michael) Madsen of Antioch.

Memorial Funeral Services were held Dec. 28 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made tot the Star Hospice of Provena St. Therese Hospital, Waukegan in his memory.

Mary J. Park

Age 95 of Libertyville, formerly of Antioch, passed away Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000 at Winchester House. She was born June'5, 1905 in Chicago, the daughter of the late Alexander E. and Ida (Betti) Micheli. She moved to Antioch in 1918 and to Libertyville in 1992. Mary was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Church and the Council of Catholic Women. On Oct. 16, 1934 she married Milton Park in Chicago and he preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 1967.

Survivors include her sister Clara L. Goodreds of Antioch; her niece, Joanne Bird of Hoffman Estates and other relatives and friends. In addition to her husband she is preceded in death by a brother, Charles Micheli in 1933.

Funeral Services with Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 23, at St. Peter Church, Antioch.

Friends and family called at the Strang Funeral Home of

Interment was private at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Antioch.

Yvette C. Kalin

Age 89 of Lake Zurich, passed away Friday, Dec. 22, 2000 at Lexington Health Care Center, Lake Zurich.

He was born Sept. 24, 1911 in Chicago.

Survivors include a cousin, Alice Smith; a nephew, James Kalin. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold V.; and a cousin, Lucille Breyette.

Funeral Services were held at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Lake).

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

TO: Last Known Address Kenneth Vonderhaar Vonderhaar Mechanical 23750 Clover Hill Ln. Barrington, IL 60010

Your right to use spaces(s) 410 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage 500 Rand Rd. Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amout of \$582.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until paid or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows:

DATE: 12-18-00; RENT: \$540.00; LATE FEE: \$12.00 INVENTORY \$30.00; DUE DATE: 12-4-00; BAL-\$582.00; TOTAL DUE: ANCE: \$582,00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 12-18-00 OR THE PROPER-TY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Furniture, rubbermaid toughneck, storage containers.

Date and Location of Sale: 1-3-01, 1:00, WAUCONDA SELF-SERVICE STORAGE, P.O. BOX 505, 500 RAND ROAD, WAUCONDA, IL 60084. You may pay this sum and may con-

tact the owner at: 847-526-5055 /s/ George Gallagher 12-4-00 1200D-3773-WL December 22, 2000 December 29, 2000

Interment was at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington . Heights.

Eileen A. Lortie

Home, Lake Zurich.

Age 84 of Round Lake Park, passed away on Dec. 23, 2000 at Lake Forest Hospital. Eileen was born on June 16, 1916 in Chicago and she married Albert Lortie on June 20, 1942 in Chicago, he passed away on April 9, 1999.

Mrs. Lortie leaves her daughter, Maureen Mack of Round Lake Heights.

Funeral Services were held Dec. 26 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., Grayslake.

Interment was private.

Memorials may be to the Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Rd., Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

William F. Sorensen

Age 81 of Round Lake Beach, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000 at the Victory Medical Center in Stanley, Wis. He was born on March 18, 1919 in Copenhagen, Denmark. On May 22, 1943 he married Lillian Trojan in Chicago. She died in November,

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara (Marvin) Czuczor of Round Lake Beach; one son, William (Kristian) Sorensen of Lublin, Wis.

Funeral Services were held Dec. 27, at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., Grayslake with the Rev. Fr. Al Salera of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Round Lake officiat-

Interment was at Avon Centre Cemetery, Grayslake. Memorials may be to the American Cancer Society, Highland area office, 777 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035-3240.

Francis 'Duke' Nevens

Age 84 of Round Lake Beach, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000 at Hillcrest Nursing Center, Round Lake Beach.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy (nee Cox); children, William (Sharon) Nevens of Fresno, Calif., Kathleen Knight of Round Lake and Robert (Christina) Nevens of Union Grove, Wis.

A Memorial Service was held Dec. 22 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., Grayslake.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be given to the Hillcrest Nursing Center Activities Fund, 1740 Circuit Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073.

Maureen A. Joyce

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NATURE/PURPOSE: The Information

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS

IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-

ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 1608

Williams Avenue, Round Lake Beach,

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR

RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCT-

ING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:

Zoran J. Bobic, 1608 Williams Ave,

Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, (847)

740-6391. (physical) Sinisa M. Djordjevic, 1115 Hupmobile Dr. NE,

Albuquerque, NM 87123, (505) 296-

This is to certify that the undersigned

intend(s) to conduct the above named

business from the location(s) indicat-

ed and that the true or real full

name(s) of the person(s) owning, con-

ducting or transacting the business

The foregoing instrument was

OFFICIAL SEAL

Notary Public

/s/ Vernadail M. Sorrentino

Received: Dec. 18, 2000

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

December 29, 2000

1200E-3779-RL

January 5, 2001

January 12, 2001

acknowledged before me by the per-

.son(s) intending to conduct the busi-

ness this 18th day of December, 2000.

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is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Sinisa M. Djordjevic

/s/ Zoran J. Bobic

December 6, 2000

December 6, 2000

1115 Hupmobile Dr.,

NAME OF BUSINESS: Eznetinfo

Service Company

Age 51, a longtime resident of Fox Lake, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000 in Williams Bay, Wis. She was born on Nov. 29, 1949 in Chicago.

Survivors include her daughters, Cyndy (David) Scheskie of Genoa City, Wis. and Renee (Kevin) Scheskie of Ingleside.

A Memorial Service was conducted Dec. 23 at the Lakewood Baptist Church, Lake Geneva, Wis.

Memorials to the family in lieu of flowers will be appre-

Funeral arrangements were completed by the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home Ltd., Fox Lake (The Chapel on the

> TO: Last Known Address Scot C, Harris 56823 Bellflower Dr. Elkhart, IN 46516

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

DATE: 12-18-00; DEPOSIT: \$50.00; RENT: \$100.00; NSF 25.00; LATE FEE: \$3.00 INVENTORY \$30.00; DUE DATE: 12-7-00; BALANCE: \$208.00; TOTAL DUE: \$208.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 12-21-00 OR THE PROPER-TY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Lawn mower, air conditioner, lawn sweeper, golf bag & clubs, table & chairs, boxes.

ROAD, WAUCONDA, IL 60084. You may pay this sum and may con-

> /s/ George Gallagher 1200D-3774-WL December 22, 2000 December 29, 2000

Date and Location of Sale: 1-3-01, 1:00, WAUCONDA SELF-SERVICE STORAGE, P.O. BOX 505, 500 RAND

tact the owner at: 847-526-5055

PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS: Big Bri's Express NATURE/PURPOSE: Small Delivery of Furniture

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 25864 Oakwood Ave., Ingleside, IL 60041, (847) 337-9810. (physical) P.O. Box 97, Ingleside, IL 60041, (847) 337-

9810 (mailing) NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCT-ING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Brian Nokes, P.O.

Box 97, Ingleside, IL 60041, (847) 337-9810. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Brian Nokes November 27, 2000

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Linda Torres Notary Public Received: December 1, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200C-3769-FL December 15, 2000 December 22, 2000 December 29, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Safety Storage January 5th 12:00 pm 812 Sunset, Round Lake

The personnel property of Richard Crawford - stored in unit #11. All contents of said unit including personnal property, household goods, furniture appliance, boxes, containers, records, and miscellaneous items will be sold unless all monies due are paid prior to

The personnel property of Lucinda Rodriquez stored in unit #35. All contents of said unit will be sold including personnel property household goods, furniture appliances, boxes, containers, records, and miscellaneous items will be sold unless all monies due are paid prior to sale.

1200D-3772-RL December 22, 2000 December 29, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III,

Plaintiff, No. 00 CH 1273

JOSE SANCHEZ, RHONDA R. SANCHEZ, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendant (s).

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: JOSE SANCHEZ, RHONDA R. SANCHEZ, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Lake County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for Foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage, conveying the premises described as

THE SOUTH 29 FEET (MEASURED ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS GRACE AVENUE) OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES: THAT PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS, TO WIT: COMMENCING ON THE WEST BANK OF FOX LAKE AT A POINT 330 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE NORTH 89 1/2 DEGREES WEST, 448 FEET TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD, 132 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PREMISES HEREIN INTENDED TO BE DESCRIBED; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST, 127 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PREMISES CONVEYED TO ROBERT D. SMITH, BY DEED DATED JANUARY 19, 1900 AND RECORDED MARCH 12, 1902 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 85251 IN BOOK 133 OF DEEDS, PAGE 175; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SMITH'S LOT, 118 FEET AND 5 INCHES, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SMITH'S LOT; THENCE NORTH 89 1/2 DEGREES WEST 100 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTHWEST-ERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID ROAD 120 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NUMBER: 05-03-300-014 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 163 FOREST AVENUE, FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS 60020; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by JOSE SANCHEZ AND RHONDA R. SANCHEZ, and recorded in the Office of the Lake County Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 4457245; that summons was duly issued out of the said court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now therefore, unless, you the said named Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Circuit Court of Lake County, located at 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, on or before the 26 day of January, 2001, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A "DEBT COLLECTOR". (15 USC 1692a)

> 1200E-3785-FL December 29, 2000 January 5, 2001 January 12, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fox Lake Fire Protection District meeting held at Fire Station #3. Molidor Road, Ingleside, Illinois January 18, 2001 is canceled and will be held at 7:00 P.M. January 16, 2001, at Station #3 Molidor Road, Ingleside, Illinois.

1200E-3788-FL December 29, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Fox Lake, that a public hearing will be held on January 25, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear the Petition of Duck Lake

Crossing, LLC, owner of the following described real estate to wit: PARCEL 1. The North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, except the North 20 rods of said North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15 and except that part lying West of the Public Highway running Southwesterly and Northeasterly in the Northwest corner thereof and except the South 100 feet of the East 100 feet of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 15, and except the South 341 feet of the North 671 feet of the West 40 rods of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, and except that part thereof dedicated for highway purposes and except that part dedicated for road by instrument recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in Lake County, Illinois, as Document No. 417274 and except that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows; to-wit: Commencing at a point 20 rods South and 40 rods East of the Northwest corner of said Quarter Quarter Section; thence East parallel to the North Line of said Quarter Quarter Section, 300 feet; thence South at right angles to the last described line, 575.96 feet, to a point in the South line of a 40 foot roadway, recorded September 18, 1935 as Document No. 417274, in Book "X" of plats, page 17; thence Westerly along the South line of said roadway, as it meanders, to the center line of State Route No. 59; thence Northerly along the center line of said Highway 273.27 leet, more or less to a point 71 feet South of the North line of said Quarter Quarter Section; thence East parallel to the North line of said Quarter Quarter Section 480.27 feet, said point being 40 rods East of the West line of said Quarter Quarter Section; thence North parallel to the West line of said Quarter Quarter Section, 341 feet to the place of beginning, and except that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Quarter Quarter Section; thence East on the South line of said Quarter Quarter Section, 961.7 feet; thence North forming an included angle of 89 degrees 41 minutes for a distance of 410.69 feet to a point on the Southerly line of a 40 feet roadway recorded October 2, 1935 as Document 417274 in Book "X" of Plats, page 17: thence Westerly along the Southerly line of said 40 foot roadway to the center line of State Roule No. 59; thence Southwesterly 394.3 feet to the place of beginning, In Lake County, Illinois.

Location of property is: North and South sides of Chris Larkin Road beginning approximately 800 feet East of Route 59.

The common address is: 27150 Chris Larkin Road, PIN 05-15-400-014-Petitioner is requesting the following: Rezoning upon annexation to E-1, R-1 and R-2, approval of it's preliminary plat of subdivision containing thirty-live (35) residential homesites, and variation of certain subdivision and zoning regulations as evidenced by the preliminary plat, including: maximum length of cul de sacs, front yard utility easements, double frontage lots, widening of Chris Larkin Road by easement rather than conveyance, sidewalks on one (1) side of the street in the R2 zone, clarification of the definition of a "wetland", and clarification and/or reduction of "more than

one story" floor area. Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village

Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Stochl, Chairman Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois This 15th day of December, 2000 1200E-3790-FL December 29, 2000

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TO: Last Known Address Michael Seitz Northshore Construction Co. 440 Lake Cook Rd. Suite 2 Deerfield, IL 60015

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DATE: 12-18-00; DEPOSIT: \$675.00; LATE FEE: \$12.00 INVENTORY \$30.00; DUE DATE: 12-4-00; BAL-ANCE: \$717.00; TOTAL DUE: \$717.00

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12-4-00 1200D-3775-WL December 22, 2000 December 29, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 4-4 of the Park Code, the Gurnee Park District has on file for public inspection the proposed Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of said Park District, Anyone wishing to examine this ordinance may do so during business hours until January 16, 2001, at the Park District Office, 4374 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois 60031. On January 16, 2001 at 6:45 p.m. a public hearing on the Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance shall be held at the Park District Office located at Viking Park Community Center 4374 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois 60031. The public is invited to attend and participate in this hearing.

Donna Kolar Secretary Board of Park Commissioners 1200E-3786-GP December 29, 2000

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Ray Chevrolet Inc, owner of the following described real estate to wit:

Lot 20 in Marble and Converse Subdivision of Lot 14 of Nippersink Club Subdivision of Part of the Southeast Fractional Quarter of Section 4, Township 45 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat Thereof recorded October 20, 1905 as Document 102636, in Book "G" of plats, Page 29 (Except that Part Thereof Described as Follows: Commencing at the most Westerly Corner of Said Lot 20; Thence Southeasterly of the Easterly Line of the Right of Way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway CO's Right of Way, 100 Feet: Thence East, 50 Feet; Thence Northerly, 170 Feet to a Point 36 Feet Southeasterly of the Northerwesterly Line of Said Lot; Thence Northwesterly 36 Feet to said Northwesterly Line; and Thence Southwesterly on Said Northwesterly Line to the Point of Beginning, and Except the East 70 Feet), In Lake County, Illinois:

Location of property is: Corner of Oak & Nippersink The common address is: 61 Oak Street

Petitioner is requesting the following: Special Use for off-site parking Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village

Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Stochl, Chairman Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois This 15th day of December, 2000 1200E-3789-FL December 29, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME CERTIFICATE Withdrawal of Owner(s) or Cancellation

NAME OF BUSINESS: Don Hejda Construction STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/have ceased doing business under the assumed name or has/have no further connection or financial interest in said business. Withdrawal shall be effective December 12, 2000. Victoria L. Hejda, 321 Forest Glen, Round Lake Park, IL 60073, (847) 546-4652.

/s/ Victoria L. Hejda The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 12th day of November, 2000.

OFFICIAL SEAL Donald J. Hejda Notary Public Received: Dec. 18, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200E-3783-RL December 29, 2000 January 5, 2001 January 12, 2001

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 12th day of December, 2000.

OFFICIAL SEAL Mary Decman Notary Public Received: Dec. 18, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200E-3782-RL December 29, 2000 January 5, 2001 January 12, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME Change of Owner's Legal Name or Address or Business Address Change or Addition

NAME OF BUSINESS: Gopher Enterprises ORIGINAL DATE FILED: Jan. 28, 1974 Owner's legal name changed or address changed from: Peter S. Wiggins, 8 Catschooner Ln., Grayslake, IL 60030. To: 7216 Wheaton Ln., Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847) 587-0897. Business address(es) changed from:

720 Twisted Oak Ln., Buffalo Grove, IL To: 7216 Wheaton Ln., Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847) 587-0897.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) > COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the above change(es) to the named business have been made effective: January 1, 2001. /s/ Peter S. Wiggins

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of December 2000.

> OFFICIAL SEAL Eleanor A. Petruska Notary Public Received: December 15, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200D-3777-FL December 22, 2000 December 29, 2000 January 1, 2001

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RETHE MARRIAGE OF Michelle A. Hwang Petitioner VS.

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Hasoo Hwang, Respondent

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, In Re: The Marriage of MICHELLE A. HWANG, Petitioner, and HASOO HWANG, Respondent, Case Number 99 D 2196;

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, HASOO HWANG, that a suit has been filed in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial circuit, Lake County, Illinois, by the Petitioner, MICHELLE A. HWANG, against you, HASOO HWANG, for a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and for other relief; that a Summons duly issued against you as provided by law and that said suit is still pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, HASOO HWANG, file your Response to the Petition in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the said Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Waukegan, Illinois, on or before the 22nd day of January, 2001, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date, and a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage will be entered in accordance with the prayer of the said

SALLY D. COFFELT Clerk of the Circuit Court Lake County, Waukegan, IL

James E. Fluri Attorney for Petitioner 209 W. Madison Street Waukegan, Illinois 60085 847-336-9853

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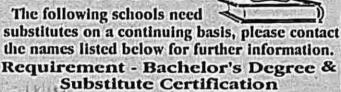
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PUBLIC NOTICE. ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION NAME OF BUSINESS: All Creatures

ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 38429 Grandwood Dr., Gurnee, IL 60031, (847) 358-2196.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCT-ING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Kathy L. Karwoski, 36429 Grandwood Dr., Gurnee, IL 60031, (047) 356-2196.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) EX- COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Kathy L. Karwoski December 12, 2000

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of December, 2000. /s/ Dino A. Diveners

Notary Public Received: December 14, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200E-3780-GP December 29, 2000 January 5, 2001 January 12, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME APPLICATION great, NAME OF BUSINESS: Essentials NATURE/PURPOSE: Clothing Sales ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 200

(847) 234-5944. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCT-ING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Sheryl A. Passalino, 200 S. Wallace ELECTRICIAN SEEKING Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045, 234-5944. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

Wallace Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045,

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown. /s/ Sheryl A. Passalino

December 11, 2000 OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Martha Jane Gedvilas Notary Public Received: December 1, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200C-3765-LB December 15, 2000 December 22, 2000 December 29, 2000

> PUBLIC NOTICE LAKE VII.LA TOWNSHIP

"Notice is hereby given that nominating petitions for candidates for election to the office of member of the Board of Education of the Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District No. 103 shall be filed with Angela Berka or Gary L VanDenBerge, located at the Administrative Offices Conference Room, 1370 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069.

The first date for filing petitions is January 16, 2001, and the last date for filing petitions is January 23, 2001. Filing hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from January 16, 2001 through January 22, 2001, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2001. Four members are to be elected for

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Donald Uteg President Angela Berka Secretary 1200E-3784-LB December 29, 2000

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COUNTY OF LAKE

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JOE L. HODGES Petitioner

No. 00 D2430

MINI R. HODGES Respondent

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, MINI R. HODGES, also known as MINI RUTH HODGES, Respondent, that a petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois, by the Petitioner for Dissolution of Marriage and for you, MINI R. HODGES, Respondent, to file your response to said petition or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, 18N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, on or before the 26th day of January 2001; default may be entered against you at any time after that date; Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage in accordance with the prayer of this Petition will thereafter be entered. Dated this 12 day of December 2000.

Is/ Sally D. Coffell SALLY D. COFFELT Clerk of the Court

1200D-3771-GP

January 5, 2001

December 22, 2000

December 29, 2000

Ronald E. Griesheimer Griesheimer & Associates 216 Madison St. Waukegan, IL 60085 (847) 244-3131

BUSINESS

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS: Shear Perfection NATURE/PURPOSE: Hair Salon

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 33107 US Rt 45, Wildwood, IL 60030, (847) 231-

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCT-ING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Kellie Jewell, 25-6 Jamaica Colony, Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847) 226-9371. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business

is/are correct as shown. /s/ Kellie Jewell November 30, 2000 OFFICIAL SEAL

s/ Desrie A. Colson **Notary Public** Received: December 4, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200C-3764-GL December 15, 2000

December 22, 2000

December-29, 2000

PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCT-ING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Bernard Chavers, 91 Whitebarn Lane, Gurnee, IL 60031 (847) 244-2071. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE This is to certify that the undersigned

ASSUMED BUSINESS

NAME APPLICATION

NATURE/PURPOSE: Ice Cream

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS

IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-

ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 91 White

Barn Lane, Gurnee, IL 60031, 847-

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intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Bernard Chavers

December 19, 2000 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 19th day of December, 2000. OFFICIAL SEAL

> Notary Public · Received: December 19, 2000 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1200E-3781-GP December 29, 2000 January 5, 2001

/s/ Ivette M. Diaz

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Incle Sam plays

By Rob Backus Staff Reporter . Photos by Sandy Bressner

he spirit of Christmas is alive and well in Lake County as well as across America.

The United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program annually distributes millions of toys to youths across the country.

Toys for Tots was founded in 1947 by Major Bill Hendricks to distribute toys to needy children in Los Angeles, California. During that first year, more than 5,000 toys were collected and distributed.

One year later, the United States Marine Corps spread the program nationwide and the rest is history.

For 53 years, the Marine Corps Reserve, in coordination with over 300 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, has distributed tens of millions of toys to less-fortunate youths.

On three occasions, the program has gone international. The first was in 1959 after a typhoon decimated Nagoya, Japan. The other two occasions were to Panama in 1988 following the U.S. invasion and to the Caribbean after Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

To put the program's success into perspective, this year Lake County has collected over 10 times the 5,000 toys collected in the first Toys for Tots drive 53 years ago. The Toys for Tots program for any specific area is currently set up as a "grass roots" program coordinated by that area's local Marine Corps reserve base.

One individual, usually either a Marine Reservist, a member of a local Marine Corps League detachment or a member of a local community, is designated the coordinator for that specific community.

The coordinator helps to plan, organize and conduct the

Toys for Tots program in his or her community. Local campaigns usually begin in October and last until December 22. Members of the community drop off new, unwrapped toys in various collection boxes located throughout a specific area.

Coordinators collect these toys and usually store them in a warehouse where the toys are then sorted by age and gender. On Christmas, the coordinators, with the aid of social welfare agencies, local churches and other community agencies, distribute toys to the needlest children of that community.

Throughout the 53 years of the program, the Marine Corps has discovered that social welfare agencies, local churches and other community agencies are best suited to distinguish the neediest youths and play key roles in the circulation of the toys.

Local business leaders also play a key role.

They provide space in their stores for the toy collection boxes; provide free warehouse space for the storing and sorting of toys in October, November and December; furnish vehicles to collect toys from collection sights; sponsor toy and money-raising events and help local coordinators arrange media exposure for the Toys for Tots program in the community.

National corporations also play a key role in the success of Toys for Tots by establishing affiliations with the program.

These corporations make substantial monetary donations to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation or conduct marketing drives, from which they share royalties with the foundation.

These marketing drives almost always provide significantly more visibility and name recognition to the program and the foundation.

The funds emerging from the marketing drives and affiliations with various corporations enable the foundation to purchase toys to distribute along with the collected toys, purchase promotional and support materials and offset the costs of annual Toys for Tots programs.

Lake County's Toys for Tots program is coordinated by the Marines of Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, headquartered in Waukegan.

In addition to the toys collected on the Marine Corps base, collection sights are scattered all over Lake County including the Lake County Discovery Museum in Wauconda, Ryerson Conservation Area in Lincolnshire, Provena Saint Therese Medical Center in Waukegan and Lake County Forest Preserve General Offices in Libertyville.

"We collected about 300 toys and it's nice to know that the children will receive them," said Lake County Forest Preserve Marketing Coordinator Shelly Winchell. "It's nice to be a part of the spirit of Christmas."

Winchell works directly with local Marine Corps Reserve coordinator Sgt. Mario Lockett.

"It's a great program," Lockett said as he was spending over \$1,000 on toys for the program in a local store.

This year alone Lockett spent \$3,746 on toys for the program collected through monetary donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.

Although the coordinators organize and manage the local implementation of the Toys for Tots program, the ultimate success of the program depends on the support of the community and the generosity of those who donate toys and money.

It is estimated that Toys for Tots will distribute nearly 15 million toys to over six million children all across America.

So, once again, Uncle Sam(ta) Claus has done its part to bring a little Christmas cheer to some of those who need it the most.

brings Christmas cheer to needy children

Top-Shelly Winchell, marketing coordinator for the Lake County Forest Preserves packs toys collected throughout the county for the Marines' Toys for Tots donation at the forest preserves' general offices in Libertyville. Left-Marines Staff Sgt. Randall Martinez and newly-elected Lake County Forest Preserve President Al Westerman load toys for the Marines' annual Toys for Tots campaign outside the Lake County Forest Preserve general offices in Libertyville.

AUDITIONS

Workshop & audition

The Cultural Arts Division of the Waukegan Park District and KIDS PLAY is offering an audition workshop for the upcoming spring produc-tion and will hold auditions for "The Tolstoy Story Play." The audition workshop will be Saturday, Jan. 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. in Goodfellow Hall at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Dr., Bowen Park, Waukegan. Students will find out what to expect at an audition and hear a preview of the play. The cost is \$10 to participate in the workshop.

Auditions for KIDS PLAY, "The Tolstoy Story Play," are set for Sunday, Jan. 7, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts. Call Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 360-4740 to make reservations.

Calling 'Odd' women
Auditions will be held at Village Theatre in Libertyville on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. for a fe-male version of "The Odd Couple." Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script along with improvisational and theater games. Callbacks will be held Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

This comedy joins a cast of six women and two men in a hilarious script about the friendship of Olive Madison and Florence Unger. For more information, call 247-5433, ext. 6027.

MUSEUMS

Search for sharks

Frolic with sea lions, hitchhike a ride on the dorsal fin of a whale shark and stare down a great white as it chomps on a mackerel during "Search for the Great Sharks," Jan. 1-14, at the Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater at the Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee. Shows take place Monday-Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and Thursday-Sunday at 11:30., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Due to the limited run, reservations are strongly recommended. For reservations call (414) 278-2700.

ART SHOW

Members' show

The members of the Suburban Fine Arts Center will show their two and three dimensional work during the annual "In View" members show, Jan. 4

 30, at the Suburban Fine Arts Center. The SFAC is located at 1913 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park. For more information or a prospectus, call 432-1888.

CAR SHOW

Winter swap meet

Skip's Car/Truck Parts Swap Meet & Diecast Car Sale will take place on Jan. 7, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Rtes. 120 and 45, Grayslake. The event is Chicago's largest winter swap meet. Admission is \$5 per person, children age 6-11, \$2. For information, call (630) 876-1042.

MUSIC

Chorus guest night

January is membership month and the River-port Chorus would like to invite all interested singers to come and sing with this award winning group. Young or old, if you are a woman who loves to sing, come to the first guest night of the year on Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m., Rehearsals are at Wilmont Union High School, Wilmont, Wis.

Ninety plus members come from southern Wis-

consin and northern Illinois. For more information, visit the web site at www.riverport chorus.org.

Symphony performs classics

The Lake Forest Symphony will present the third pair of subscription concerts featuring pianist Radoslav Akvapil on Jan. 5-6. Kvapil will perform

Dvorak's Piano Concerto in G minor, Op.33.

The 8 p.m. concerts will be held at the Drake
Theatre, Barat College, Lake Forest. Tickets for the program are \$40, \$30 and \$20. For more information, call 295-2135.

Join the jams

Check out Duke O'Brien's, 110 N. Main St., Crystal Lake, entertainment line-up for the New Year. Wednesdays is open mike with host Aaron Aggarwal of "Burnt Toast" and there is no cover charge. On Thursdays, enjoy the acoustic pop/rock sound of David Sarkis. There is a \$1 cover charge and Sunday-Thursday show times are at 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday night shows begin at 10 p.m. with a \$3 cover charge. See Mr. Myers on Friday, Jan. 5 and Tall Grass Magicians on Saturday, Jan. 6. Sall (815) 356-9980 for information.

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WRITERS

Ragdale host poet

The Ragdale Foundation in Lake Forest will offer a poetry writing workshop beginning Monday, Jan. 8 from 7-9 p.m. Taught by Chicago poet Janet St. John, the workshop continues through Feb. 26. Cost is \$200 per person and is limited to 14 people. To register, call 234-1063. The Ragdale Foundation is located at 1260 N. Green Bay Rd., Lake Forest,

Journal writing

"Journalwork: Write of Passage" will be offered at Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, on Tuesdays, Jan. 9 - 30, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Judith Taylor, writer, visual artist and amateur naturalist, will instruct the course using a lively medley of folklore, images, texts, music and expressive exercises.

Interested participants should register and pay in advance. The fee is \$100. Call the Gorton office at 234-6060 for more information or to register.

MEETINGS

Attention hairdressers

Hairdressers and nail techs of Lake County are invited to the Illinois Cosmetology Association of Lake County monthly meeting, which takes place on the second Monday of the month through May. The next meeting will take place on Jan. 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at 1200 Regent Dr., Mundelein. The class will be on spa manicures and pedicures. For more information, call 546-9276.

CLASSES

Winter art classes

The Suburban Fine Arts Center is offering art classes for adults and children beginning Jan. 8 and running for 10 weeks until March 18.

The classes range from ceramics to jewelry making, sculpture, drawing, painting and print-making. Day, evening, weekend and custom classes are available. SFAC is located at 1913 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park. Call 432-1888 to register.

Infant massage

"Infant Massage: Loving Touch to Grow On" will be held at Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Rd, Lake Forest. The class will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, with the next class on Jan. 9. The fee is \$40 per class. Participants should register and pay in advance by calling 234-6060.

Suffering from Cabin Fever?

Check out these outdoor activities designed to beat the winter blues

Lake County Forest Preserves

Is the ice thick enough for skating at Old School? Is there snow on the cross-country trails at Ryerson? Where can I go sledding? The Lake County Forest Preserves has set up a hotline for winter sports conditions. Call 968-3235 anytime between the first snowflake and the final freeze for current conditions at the Forest Preserves. Some of the additional programs offered by the Forest Preserves are:

True New Millennium Hike

Join the Lake County Forest Preserves' first program of the true new millennium. Hike through McDonalds Woods, one of Lake County's most spectacular sites, to see nature in its winter glory. Along the way, explore Lake County's history and contemplate its future. The hike takes place on Monday, Jan. 1 from 1:30-3 p.m. at McDonald Woods, Gages Lake Rd., Lindenhurst. Cost is \$4 per person (\$3 for Lake County residents) and all ages are invited.

Call 968-3321 for registration and more information.

Moonlight/Candlelight X-Country Ski . Grab your cross-country skis and enjoy

the quiet of nature at night while skiing the trails of that normally close at sunset. The

Lake County Forest Preserves will light the trails of Wright Woods on Saturday's, Jan. 13 and Feb. 3, from 7-9 p.m. All ages may follow the trails, letting candlelight and moonlight guide the way. When finished, warm up with hot cocoa. Wright Woods is located at St. Mary's Rd. and Everett Rd., Mettawa. Call 968-3321 to register.

Volo Bog State Natural Area
Ecology Hike and Animal Tracking
Volo Bog's Interpretive Naturalist Stacy Miller will cover unique

adaptations that plants and animals have to get through the cold. Hibernation, supercooling, galls, snowfleas and animal tracks will be discussed during the hike on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ages 7 to adult are

At 1:30 p.m., Stacy Miller is off again to study the tricks of tracking. Learn how trackers understand animal's track patterns. Prints and other signs will be presented in these fun, family-friendly workshop and hike. Dress to be both indoors and out. Ages 6 and up are welcome.

Bundle up and be prepared to venture forth. Reservations are required for both programs and can be made by calling (815) 344-1294. The programs are free of charge. The Volo Bog State Natural Area is located in Ingleside, west of Rte. 12, between Rtes. 120 and 134.

Northbrook Park District

Winter Carnival

The Northbrook Park District will host a Winter Carnival on Saturday, Jan. 7 from noon-4 p.m. at Meadowhill Park, 1501 Maple Ave., Northbrook. Enjoy outdoor games, contests, ice sculpture demonstrations and lots of free fun for the whole family. Sleigh rides through the park will be available for \$4. Call 291-2993 for more information:

Sled down huge hills

The Northbrook Park District offers two exciting winter sled hills for adults and children to enjoy an exhilarating ride. Wood Oaks Green Hill, 1150 Sanders Rd., is open Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m. to dusk and Saturday and Sunday, noon to dusk.

Meadowhill South Hill, 1700 Techny Rd., operates Monday-Thursday, 4-6 p.m., Friday 4-8:30 p.m., Saturday, noon-8:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-

For safety, non-manufactured sledding devices, snowboards, skis or ice skates are not permitted on sled hills. To determine if the sled hills are open, please call the message hotline at 291-2985.

Indoor/Outdoor Ice Skating

The Northbrook Park District operates two outdoor ice skating rinks, depending on weather conditions. The outdoor rinks at Meadowhill Park, 1501 Maple Ave. and Tower Rink, 1225 Cedar Ln., are open Monday-Thursday, 4-7 p.m.; Friday, 4-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon-8:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-

6:30 p.m. Hockey is allowed only on the outdoor hockey rink in Meadowhill Park. Pucks or sticks are not allowed on other rinks. Hockey players at the Meadowhill Rink should wear full equip-

ment for their own safety.

Indoor skating rinks are open at 1730 Pfingsten Rd.,
Northbrook, for fun and enjoyment of the skating public. Open
hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday-10:30 a.m. to
noon.; Wednesday and Saturday-4-5:15 p.m. and Sunday-3-4:15
p.m. Daily skating fees are \$4 for adults, \$3 for youths and skate

rental is \$2. Coupon books of 10 rink admissions are available. For more information on any of the above mentioned activities, call 291-2993.

Cross Country Skiling

Enjoy winter exercise at Sportsman's Country Club and cross country ski across the lovely course at 3535 Dundee Rd., Northbrook. Sportsman's offers groomed trails on over 200 acres of wooded fairways and small hills. Bring your own equipment or rent skis and poles at the pro shop. Skiing hours are daily, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for more information, call the golf pro shop at 291-2351, ext. 3:

Mchenry County Conservation District

Fishing enthusiast, take note. The McHenry County Conservation District has opened three of its sites to ice fishing for the winter.

Licensed anglers can try their hooks at Lake Atwood in the Hallows, on Rte. 14 in Cary, at Rush Creek on McGuire Rd. in Harvard and at Stickney Run, on State Park Rd. in McHenry. For more information, call MCCD's main office at (815) 338-MCCD.



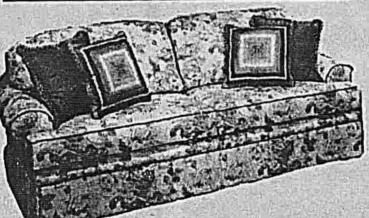
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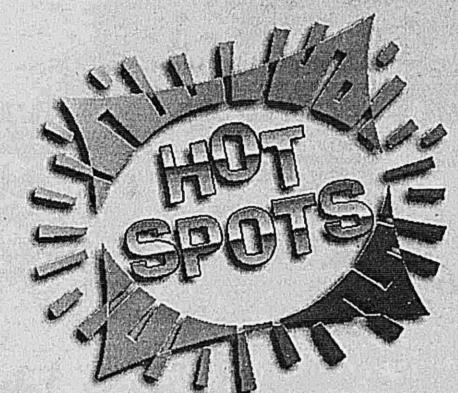
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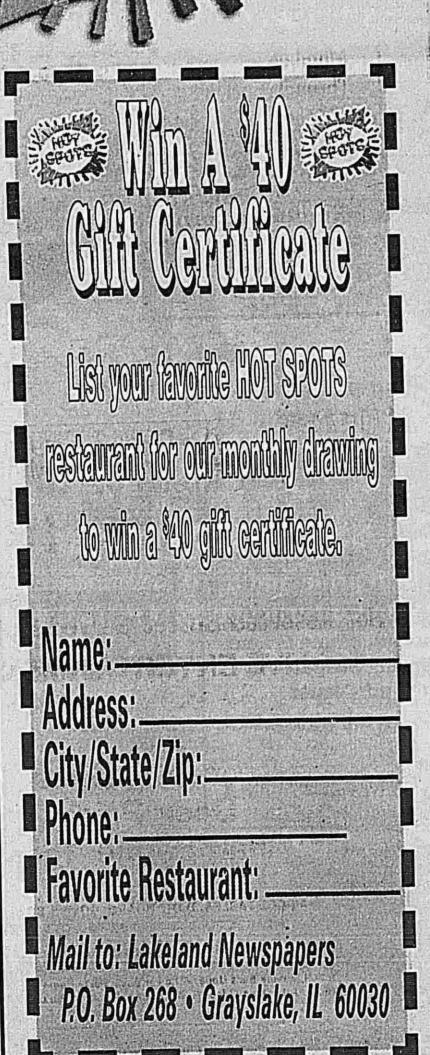




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The Zuppa de Pesce, a delectable fish soup made with clams, cod, calamari, and monk fish, cooked in a light marinara sauce, served over homemade linguini, is a house specialty that insures a return visit.

Trattoria Pomigliano is family owned and operated, featuring a nonsmoking environment.

Serving hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays and Mondays are reserved for special parties.

Trattoria Pomigliano has a new full service bar. For parties of six or more reservations are requested.

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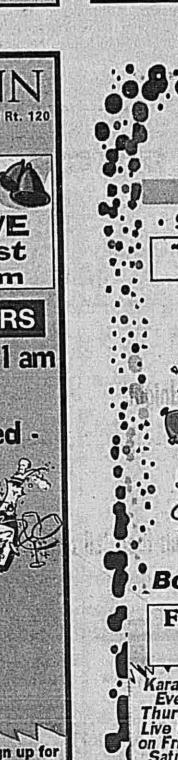






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One smoker's wake-up call

his year, I gave my family a present for Christmas that they've been wanting for a long, long time. It wasn't a puppy (as my husband would say, "One more pet and I'm outta here!"); it wasn't a Sony Playstation 2 (I'm not a miracle worker); it wasn't even a day without nagging (sorry...I am, forever, female.) It was something far better.

I gave them a new me. A new, smoke-free me, that is.

It wasn't an easy gift for me to give. Friends who are former smokers always told me it was the hardest thing they'd ever done. One friend even said that quitting smoking made her feel like "I've lost my best friend." I can relate to both of those statements-it has been very, very hard. And after 32 years, I can honestly say that I probably spent more time with my cigarettes than any of my other friends or even my family. The difference, of course, is that none of my real "friends" were secretly trying to kill me.

At least I hope not.

And, yes, I realize I'm not totally over the mountain yet, but this is an altitude I've never reached before: nearly 8 weeks of smoke-free living. It's also the first time I've ever felt optimistic that I stand a good chance of making it to the top.



LIFE'S A BEAR

Donna Abear

Like most smokers, I have tried to quit before. I've tried the nicotine patch, nicotine gum, and even nicotine brownies (just kidding!). In fact, I had tried so many times that it had become something of a joke in our

"That's it. Tomorrow I'm going to quit smoking!" I'd announce.

"Sure, Mom," one of the kids would say. "And I'm going to keep my room clean too!"

After a while, no one bothered to answer me anymore, sarcastically or otherwise. They'd been disappointed too many times.

l even went so far as to announce my intention to quit here in my column-twice. I told myself that by announcing it publicly, I would not be willing to risk the humiliation of failing.

Wrong. Twice.

Even when my husband and I tried to quit together in June 1999, I ultimately failed. While he continued to stay smoke-free, I was hiding out in the garage, the back yard or in my car, puffing away.

My husband began a campaign to nag me into quitting. He even tried some rather cruel humor. "Listen, dear, I love you but I am telling you right now. If you don't quit smoking don't expect me to carry your oxygen tank around for you!"

I knew he was right. But I still couldn't

When you think about it, it seems amazing that anyone continues to smoke anymore and even more amazing that teenagers continue to start smoking. There is so much negative information about smoking's harmful effects on the body, not to mention society's increased pressure to discourage it or, if nothing else, segregate smokers from the rest of the population.

But it's not so amazing when you remember one fact: smoking is an addiction. You can nag us, inform us, tax us, segregate us and berate us, but only one thing can make us quit: we have to want to bad

In some cases, though, even wanting to isn't enough. Sometimes, an addict has to hit

For me, bottom was a phone call from my 68-year-old father on Nov. 5 of this year.

"I have inoperable lung cancer. The doctor says I have about 18 to 24 months."

If that isn't a wake-up call, I don't know

I'm just so sorry that's what it took to wake me up.

If you enjoy her column, check out Donna's book, "Mom...you're not NAKED, are you?" available at Books, Etc. or J. J. Blinkers in Antioch, online at Amazon.com or Donna's web site at www.lifesabear.com. You can reach Donna by e-mail at donna@lifesabear.com or by mail at P. O. Box 391, Antioch, IL 60002

HOROSCOPE

Aries - March 21/April 20

The new year gives you a chance to begin a relationship on the right foot, Aries. Don't be too aggressive when meeting an interesting person this week; you don't want to scare him or her away. Just relax, and you're sure to make a good impression. Scorpio plays an important role during the middle of the week.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Don't back down when it comes to something that you want this week. You know that you deserve it, and you can attain it if you just stay focused. Don't let that special someone distract you from the task at hand. A close friend needs a shoulder to cry on. Be there for him or her.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

2001 starts off right for you, Gemini. Everything seems to be going your way. The higher-ups reward you for your efforts at work, and you meet an interesting person while out with friends late in the week. Get to know him or her better, because this could be the one. Leo plays a key role.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

When it comes to your financial future, don't procrastinate any longer, Cancer. You shouldn't let your career stagger. You need to take a chance. Don't worry — if you don't go for too much too soon, everything will work out. A loved one offers you some romantic advice late in the week. Listen to what he or she has to say.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Ring in the new year on a positive note, Leo. Don't get upset with a loved one for something that he or she says. This person doesn't mean to hurt your feelings. So, just let it go. A close friend reveals his or her true feelings for you on Thursday. Don't be shocked; you saw this coming.

Virgo - August 24/Sept. 22

Several close friends are counting on you to make the right choice when it comes to a personal matter, Virgo. While you want to make them happy, you have to do what is right for you. Don't let them pressure you into doing something that you don't agree

with. Turn to a loved one for advice if you need it.

Libra - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Don't turn your back on an acquaintance who needs your help. Even though you two aren't very close, do what you can for this person. This event could help to strengthen your relationship. That special someone has a surprise for you on Tuesday.

Scorpio - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

When you make a mistake at work this week, don't try to cover it up, Scorpio. Just accept responsibility for it, and work to correct the situation. The higherups will be impressed with your efforts. A loved one needs your advice about a family matter. Give this person your honest opinion. Pisces plays a key role.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

As you celebrate the new year, look to the future, not the past. Don't pine for a lost love. Deep down, you know that it isn't meant to be. So, focus on what's ahead of you, and try to meet new people. It will do wonders for your love life. A close friend needs your help with a personal problem. Do what you can.

Capricorn - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

If you work diligently this week, Capricorn, you're sure to make great strides toward a personal goal. Don't let an acquaintance distract you. Just stay focused. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify your relationship. Say yes, because this is what you want too.

Aquarius - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Don't let a minor setback at work throw you off track this week. You certainly can overcome this obstacle if you just stay focused. The higher-ups will be impressed with your initiative. A close friend takes you out late in the week. Enjoy yourself!

Pisces - Feb. 19/March 20

A close friend turns to you for advice early in the week, Pisces. While you would like to help, stay out of it. There is much more going on here than you realize. Getting involved only will get you into trouble. Virgo plays an important role.

Free coffee offered

Participating White Hen Pantry convenience food stores throughout greater Chicago will give away free 12-ounce cups of freshly ground premium coffee from 6 p.m. New Year's Eve through New Year's Day.

In the spirit of holiday safety, White Hen Pantry encourages drivers to take a break and refresh themselves with a cup of coffee during their holiday travels. The organization has made this offer over the holidays for several years in a continuing effort to promote safe driving.

Illinois Tollway Oases patrons will be treated to a small size, free cup of coffee on New Year's Eve between the hours of 9 p.m.-6 a.m. Cooperating restaurants include McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King and Popeye's.

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Yoga programs at Gorton Center

Gorton Community Center, 400 East Illinois Rd. in Lake Forest, is pleased to offer the following programs in response to the great interest in a variety of Yoga classes.

"Hatha Yoga" will be taught by Tria Kendler on both Tuesday and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 9 and 11. The classes run for eight weeks and the fee is \$80 per class. Tria Kendler was trained and certified at the internationally-known White Lotus Foundation in California. Tria's approach to teaching is non-dogmatic and incorporates all styles, blending them to suit the individual requirements of each student. Students should bring a sticky mat if they have one.

Kendler will also lead "Special Sunday Hatha Yoga" classes once a month. The first session will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. The fee is \$30. Songs sung by Marian McNair will be accompanied by Karl Sacksteder playing earth music on the didgiredoo, a wind instrument from northern Australia used for ceremony and healing, and Tria Kendler and the sounds of crystal bowls.

"Anahata Yoga," led by Jai Luster and Kristy Harley, will be held on Mondays, Jan. 15-March 19. The fee is \$120 for the first-hour class; \$180 for two-hour class. The first half of each two-hour class will focus on an eclectic series of dynamic Hatha Yoga practices and their connections to the seven major energy centers of the body-the chakras. Yoga postures will work to strengthen and purify the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, endocrine and nervous systems. During the second hour of each class, students will journey more deeply into the metaphysical aspects of the chakras, observing and honoring the beliefs and emotions that affect freedom of expression, communication and joy of living.

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Champions on Ice 2001 at the United Center

Tickets for the Chicago stop of John Hancock Champions on Ice 2001 Tour, spotlighting the Olympic and World Champion figure skaters "like you've never seen them," are now

American 2002 Olympic hopefuls Michelle Kwan, Sarah Hughes, Sasha Cohen, Timothy Goebel, Todd Eldredge and Michael Weiss along with Olympic Champions Brian Boitano and Victor Petrenko, will headline "Simply the Best" in figure skating entertainment scheduled to visit Chicago's United Center Saturday, April 21, 2001 at 2 p.m. and

The all new Champions on Ice show will also feature, two-time Olympic Silver Medalist Elvis Stojko, World Silver Medalist Surya Bonaly, World Bronze Medalist Nicole Bobek as well as two-time Olympic Bronze medalist Philippe Candeloro; U.S. champion Rudy Galindo; and two-time Olympic Bronze Medalists Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

Lively 'School for Scandal' takes Chicago Shakespeare stage

ichard Sheridan's enduring 18th Century comedy, "The School for Scandal"- reputed to be George Washington's favorite play still brings on the laughs. Mightily so.

The latest production to hit the Midwest breaks tradition at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre at Navy Pier, hitherto a venue devoted exclusively to works of the Bard.

This delight, directed by and featuring Brian Bedford, is an import from the prestigious Stratford Festival Canada. Its saucy subject matter, framed by malicious and destructive wit, is what keeps "School for Scandal" fresh.

Here, the idle rich have fun gossiping about the real or imagined sexual misdeeds and financial solvency of their so-called friends and neighbors. Titillation is all; truth is of no consequence as long as the tale-bearer is not found out.

Sheridan's characters are anointed with suitable names: Lady Sneerwell, Mrs. Candour (who is anything but), Snake, Sir Benjamin Backbite and Crabtree.

Bedford himself appears as Sir Peter Teazle, an old man who has



Brian Bedford and Michelle Giroux as Sir Peter and Lady Teazle in a scene from Sheridan's "The School for Scandal."

taken a young bride only to find that life in such circumstances can be more challenging than he bargained for. He's superb as the sometimes peevish and phlegmatic master of the house who is convinced about a lot of things that

aren't so: namely, about who his ward, Maria (Michele Graff), would best be suited for as a spouse. He's also fooled by a friend, Joseph (Donald Carrier, in a fiendishly good portrayal of a conniver), while looking askance at Joseph's brother, Charles (Graham Abbey, masterful as the dissolute partylover).

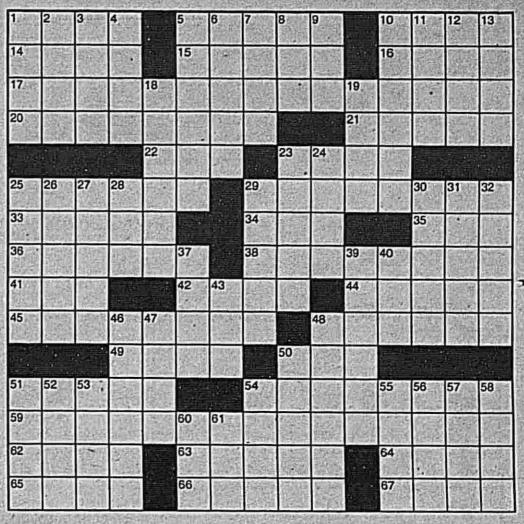
The plot gets as involved as any good farce, with characters hiding in closets and behind screens, and a long-absent rich relative returning in disguise to test the true nature of his nephews.

Lady Teazle (Michelle Giroux) becomes embroiled in something of a scandal herself. In the end, of course, truth and justice prevail and harmony is restored. But getting there is a circuitous-and hilariousroute. Lady Sneerwell's

final putdown is a wish she expresses to Mrs. Teazel that "may your husband live for 50 years."

"School for Scandal" runs through Jan. 14. Ticket information is available at (312) 595-5600.—Tom Witom

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19. Raw

27. Ram

28. Wrong

32. Barriers

37. Dried-up

39. Triumphal

23. Hip joints

24. Bird class

25. ___voyant

26. Peter ____, actor

30. Ancient Celtic tribe

31. Present occasion

- 40. Take to the limit

43. Body of water

46. Insistence on

47. Asian nation

52. French river

51. Despot

54. Blemish

55. Prosperity

57. Interpret

60. Runs PCs

58. Wading bird

61. Indicates near

50. Appendage, pincer

56. ____ 500, car race

53. South American Indian

29. Small amounts (Scottish)

traditional correctness

& Hooch," 1989 film

11. Scandinavian city

13. Ancient Greek city

12. Strong impulse

18. Carbohydrate

ACROSS

- 1. Pea stem (British)
- Inner circle
- 10. Slip

Winged

- 14. Phil _, former CIA officer
- 16. Knitting stitch 17. College-football
- favorites 20. Most bloodless
- 21. Heron genus
- 22. Predict
- 23. Concern
- 25. Blare
- 29. Being airborne
- 33. Nocturnal lemur 34. Cause to end
- 35. New location (abbr.)
- 36. Bobs up 38. Act of facilitating
- 41. Anger
- 42. This (Spanish)

- 44. Pierce
- 45. Takes a breath
- 48. Cabs
- 49. Fertilizer
- 50. Gash
- 51. Samurai clan
- 54. Continually nagging
- 59. Bowl games
- 62. Basics
- 63. Polish city
- 64. Hebrew calendar month
- 65. Enlarge a hole
- 66. Indian instrument
- 67. ____ Redgrave, actress

DOWN

- 1. Door catch Water (Spanish)
- 3. Limbs
- 4. Core
- 5. Business 6. "____ Lady," Cather
- novel (two words)
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Two television walls with nine screens each will show the football bowl games and later celebrations as New Year's Eve moves across the time zones of America.

lander's will open at 10 a.m. offering its annual New Year's Day family buffet brunch served until 3 p.m. with the Special Consensus band performing during the brunch from

The restaurant and brewery is located one block east of Milwaukee Ave. at Rte. 45 on the north end of downtown Lincolnshire. For information and reservations, call 821-

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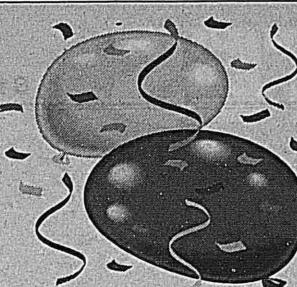
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History of New Year's world wide

Not all countries celebrate New Year at the same time, nor in the same way. This is because people in different parts of the world use different calendars. Long ago, people divided time into days, months,

and years. Some calendars are based on the movement of the moon, others are based on the position of the sun, while others are based on both the sun and the moon. All over the world, there are special beliefs about New Year.

Long Ago Festivals

Ancient Egypt

In ancient Egypt, New Year was celebrated at the time the River Nile flooded, which was near the end of September. The flooding of the Nile was very important because without it, the people would not have been able to grow crops in the dry desert.

At New Year, statues of the god, Amon and his wife and son were taken up the Nile by boat. Singing, dancing, and feasting was done for a month, and then the statues were taken back to the temple,

Babylonia

Babylonia lay in what is now the country of Iraq. Their New Year was in the Spring. During the festival, the king was stripped of his clothes and sent away, and for a few days everyone could do just what they liked. Then the king returned in a grand procession, dressed in fine robes. Then, everyone had to return to work and behave properly. Thus, each New Year, the people made a new start to their lives.

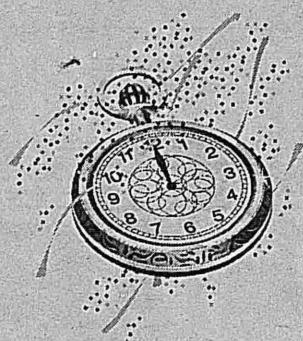
The Romans

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For a long time the Romans celebrated New Year on the first of March. Then, in 46 BC, the Emperor Julius Caesar began a new calendar. It was the calendar that we still use today, and thus the New Year date was changed to the first day of January.

January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one.

The Roman New Year festival was called the Calends, and people decorated their homes and gave each



other gifts. Slaves and their masters ate and drank together, and people could do what they wanted to for a few days.

The Celts

The Celts were the people who lived in Gaul, now called France, and parts of Britain before the Romans arrived there. Their New Year festival was called Samhain. It took place at the end of October, and Samhain means 'summer's end'.

At Samhain, the Celts gathered mistletoe to keep ghosts away, because they believed this was the time when the ghosts of the dead returned to haunt the living.

Jewish New Year

The Jewish New Year is called Rosh Hashanah. It is a holy time when people think of the things they have done wrong in the past, and they promise to do better in the future. Special services are held in synagogues, and an instrument called a Shofar, which is made from a ram's horn is played. Children are given new clothes, and New Year loaves are baked and fruit is eaten to remind people of harvest time.

Muslim New Year

The Muslim calendar is based on the movements of the moon, so the date of New Year is eleven days earlier each year.

Iran is a Muslim country which used to be called Persia. The people celebrate New Year on March 21, and a few weeks before this date, people put grains of wheat or barley in a little dish to grow. By the time of New Year, the grains have produced shoots, and this reminds the people of spring and a new year of life.

Hindu New Year

Most Hindus live in India, but they don't all celebrate New Year in the same way or at the same time.

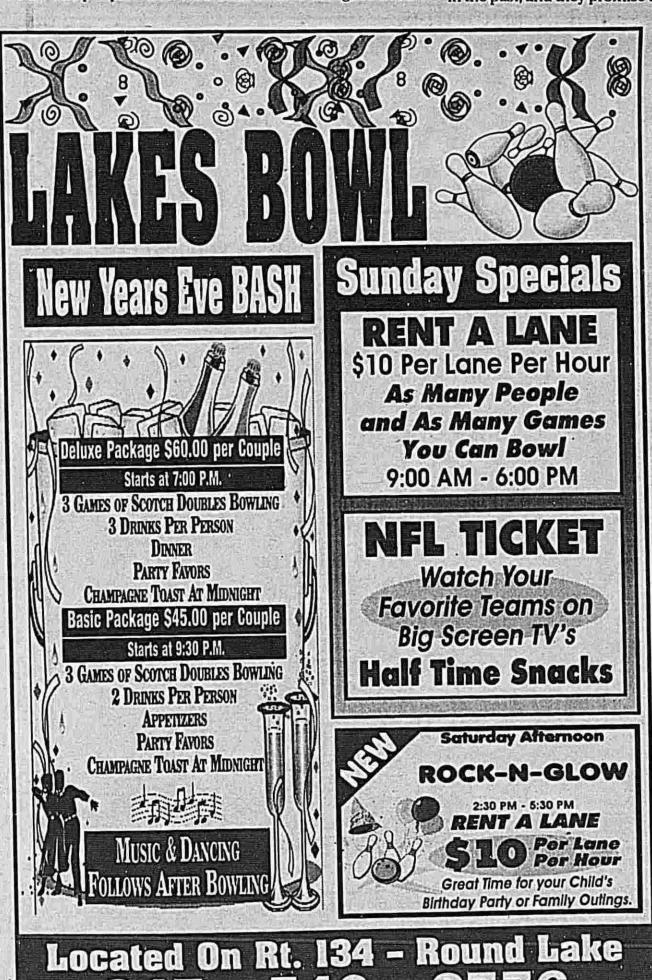
The people of West Bengal, in northern India, like to wear flowers at New Year, and they use flowers in the colors of pink, red, purple, or white. Women like to wear yellow, which is the color of Spring.

In Kerala, in southern India, mothers put food, flowers, and little gifts on a special tray. On New Year's morning, the children have to keep their eyes closed until they have been led to the tray.

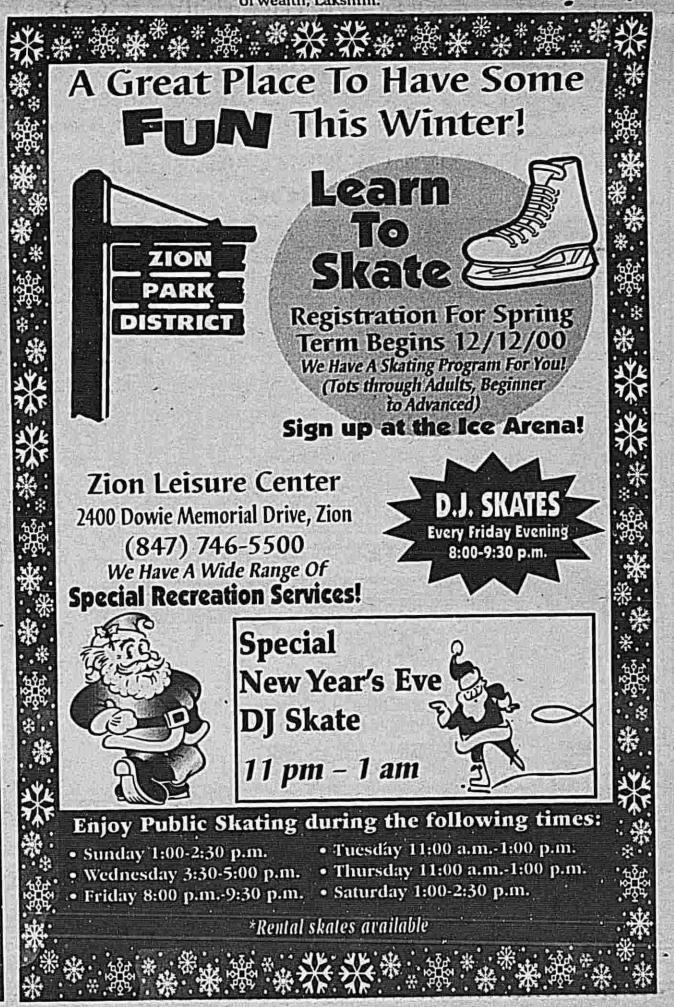
In central India, orange flags are flown from buildings on New Year's Day.

In Gujarat, in western India, New Year is celebrated at the end of October, and it is celebrated at the same time as the Indian festival of Diwali. At the time of Diwali, small oil lights are lit all along the roofs of buildings.

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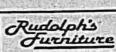
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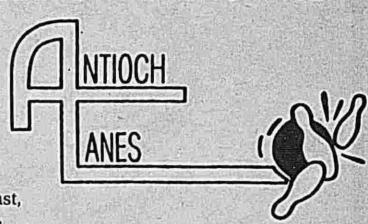
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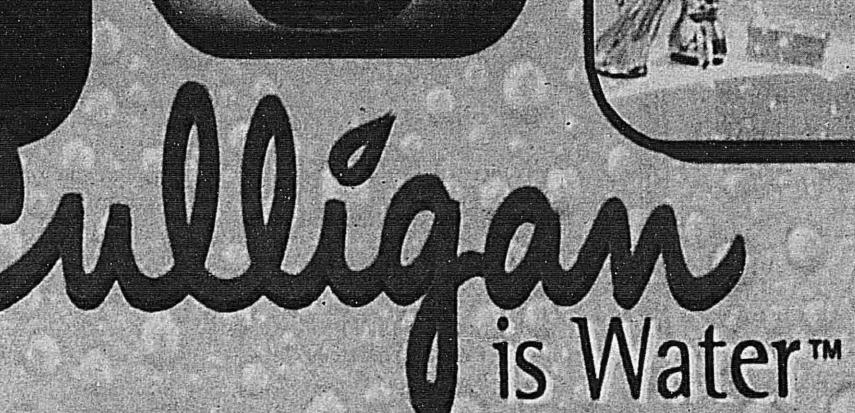




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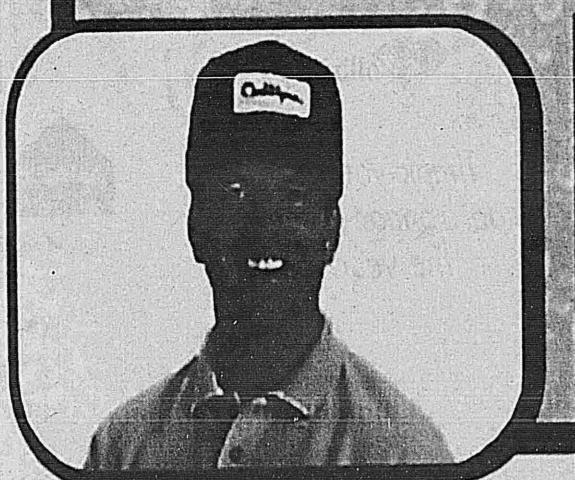
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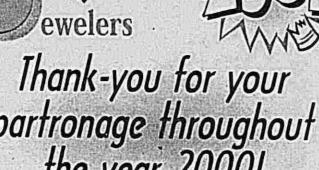
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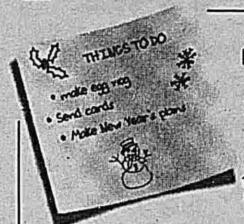
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All Together Chili

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 large onion, chopped 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) College Inn beef broth
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, undrained 1/3 cup tomato ketchup
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/3 cup chopped dried apricots (optional)

In large non stick skillet, cook turkey until browned, stirring to crumble meat; remove. In same skillet, cook onion and garlic in oil until onion is tender. Stir in chili powder, oregano, cumin and red pepper; cook one minute. Return turkey to skillet; stir in broth, beans, ketchup, raisins and apricots. Simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes. Serve garnished with sour cream and chopped tomato and avocado, if desired. makes 4-5 servings (about 5 1/2 cups.)

Zesty Walnut Spread

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup tomato ketchup
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 to 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts

In small bowl, beat cream cheese, ketchup, lemon juice and hot pepper sauce with electric mixer until well blended: stir in walnuts. Cover; chill. Serve with crackers or vegetable dippers. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

Chix on Stix

1/2 cup tomato ketchup

- 1/2 cup peach or apricot preserves
- 1/4 cup sov-sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into one-inch pieces
- 1 can (8 ounces) whole water chestnuts, drained
- 1 large green pepper, cut into one-inch squares.

If using bamboo or wooden skewers, soak them in water for 15 to 30 minutes before using to prevent burning. Combine ketchup, preserves, soy sauce and hot pepper sauce; set aside. Thread chicken, water chestnuts and peppers alternately on skewers. Broil or grill 12 to 14 minutes or until chicken is cooked, turning and brushing often with glaze, makes 4 servings.

Note: For appetizers, thread one piece each chicken and green pepper and half or whole water chestnut on each small skewer. Broil or grill 10 to 12 minutes. For variety: Try one or two of the following in place of green pepper and water chestnuts; apple or pineapple chunks, snow peas, zucchini, mushrooms, parboiled carrot pieces, onion wedges, tiny canned potatoes.

Millenni-yummmm Meatballs

- 1 pound hot or mild pork sausage 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 cup tomato ketchup
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tablespoons light soy sauce

Combine sausage, egg, bread crumbs and garlic salt. Form into 36 to 40 small meatballs. Cook meatballs in large skillet until browned on all sides. Drain fat. Combine ketchup and remaining ingredients; pour over meatballs. Cook, uncovered, over low heat 20 minutes or until meatballs are cooked through and sauce has thickened. makes 36 to 40 appetizers. Note: One pound prepared frozen meatballs may be substituted. Eliminate first 4 ingredients.

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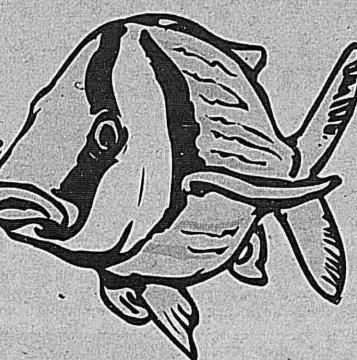
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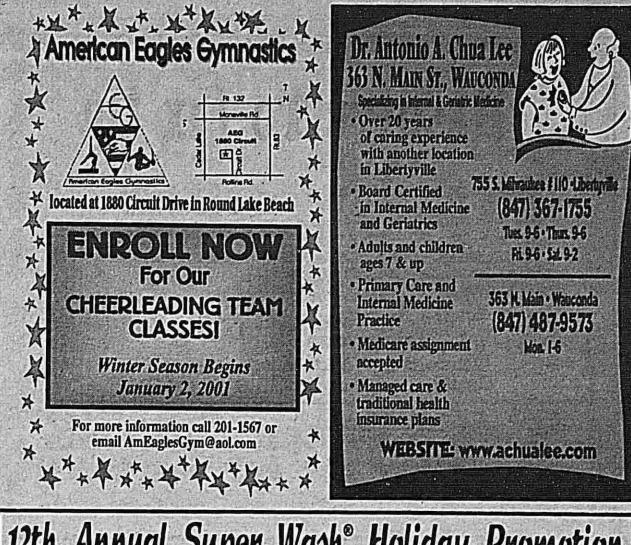


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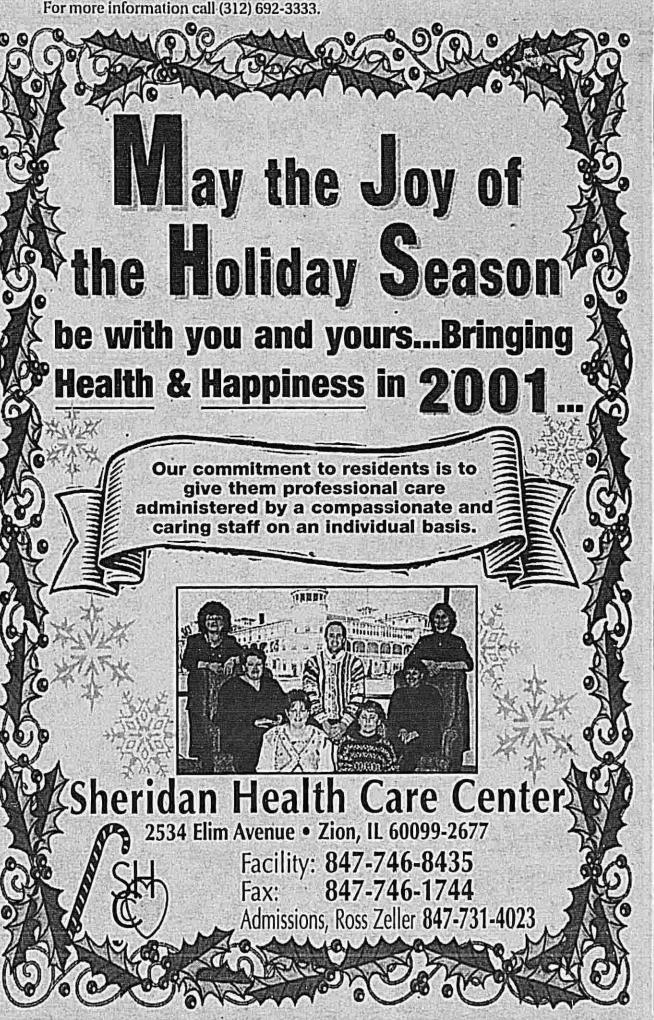
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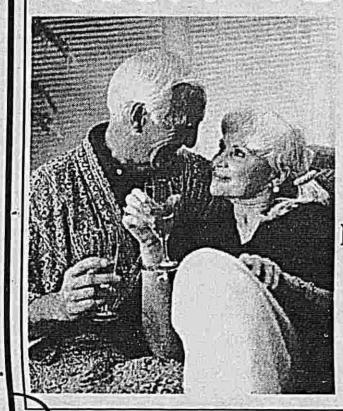
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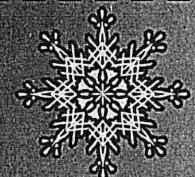
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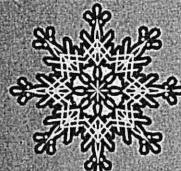
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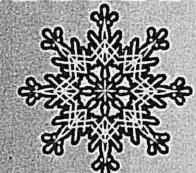
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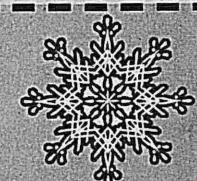
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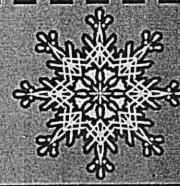












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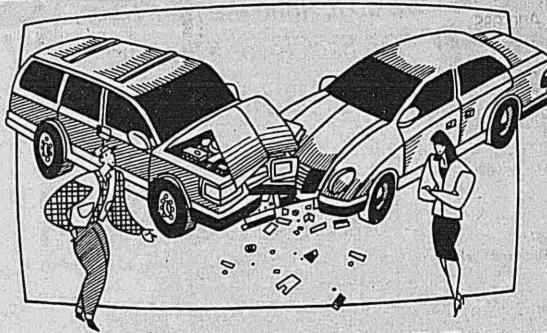
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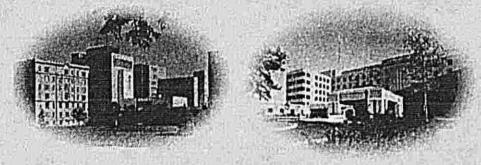
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Bonnie Thomson Carter

Active and interested

ike many activists, Bonnie Thomson Carter first put her efforts into a school parents group.

"My kids were students at Gavin School, and I wanted more say in the direction of the school," Carter reflected.

Thus began a career of more than 12 years of public service that continues this day as a member of the Lake County Board. Carter represents western Lake County, Grant and Wauconda Townships.

"People at Gavin School knew me, although I was pretty unknown in Wauconda Township," Carter recalled of her 1996 campaign.

By Steve Peterson

In a close race, she defeated incumbent Ed Fojtik, the same night that then chairman Robert Depke lost his Warren Township county board seat to Al Westerman.

Suzi Schmidt, then a member of the GOP "open space" minority, but now Lake County Board Chairman, liked what see saw in the activist mother of two from Ingleside.

"Bonnie is an extremely hard worker. Give her a task and she will give it 100 percent. She is a very important member of the board. She was our candidate in 1996. Some Gavin School Board members suggested her as a candidate and we supported her. She has been a supporter of open space and holding down the density," Schmidt, of Lake Villa, said.

While at Gavin School Board, Dist. 37, the board approved

Community activist Bonnie Thomson Carter seeks improvements that benefit all

the building of Central School after a voter referendum.

Then Carter opted to run for the Lake County Board. She is beginning her second term there after receiving nearly 70 percent of the vote in March, 2000.

"It was very gratifying to know and feel comfortable. I wanted to be very active and interested in my community," Carter said.

Bonnie Thomson, last name spelled without a "p," earns a living as an insurance salesman for the disposal industry. Her family for nearly 40 years ran the local firm Thomson Disposal.

"The disposal industry is a lot more black-and-white," Carter said.

"My mother and father taught me hard work, being true to yourself and faith in God and people. My dad passed along a love for music," Carter said.

"When other kids were outside playing, I stayed home and practiced classical music. Beethoven was my favorite. I took that interest into college, although we have a piano that we just got tuned," Carter said.

Both her parents and her husband, Tom Carter, loved animals. Carter used to go horseback riding on what is now Valley Lakes and Prairie Pointe subdivisions. The family still has horses kept at their Rte. 134 home.

As the other 23 members of the county board do, Carter has to balance family and residents' interests. They come in .

that order.

"I have one rule that if I start at 7 a.m., there is no 7 p.m. meeting. We don't talk about politics at the dinner table. The hardest part of the job is less time with my family and no personal time. The kids are active in school. One time when my daughter had her first basketball game, I had to say no to a meeting and some people were upset," Carter said.

Carter, daughter of Carl and Lorraine Thomson, is the middle of five children. Her oldest brother, Tim, is in the Navy, stationed in Washington state. Other family members are close by.



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BONNIE THOMSON CARTER Community activist

Her husband of 18 years, Tom, is a teacher and coach at Richmond-Burton High School. He is an assistant girls basketball coach, whose season was at its peak when Carter was facing a battle in the Lake County Board primary last spring. "One day, he came to a fund-raising event for me in shorts," Bonnie joked.

The couple has two children, Amanda, a freshman at Grant High and Chris, a junior.

Days start early for Carter. A 7 a.m. meeting is not uncom-

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Thomson Carter -

mon. This January Friday featured a meeting with a reporter at 8 a.m., followed by Lake County Forest Preserve committee meetings.

Issues this day ranged from recognizing a long-time forest preserve employee to talking about pay raises for a future board. Even during discussion of the latter, there was some levity amongst committee members.

Then there is the pre-meeting research and handling important issues from residents.

"My daughter Amanda says she thinks I do a good job, but does not like my job," Carter said.

Carter's first issues when she started on the board in December, 1996 included the unified development ordinance. That eventually was approved. "That gives protection for woodlands and wetlands and lowers density," Carter said.

There was excitement when the Illinois General Assembly approved a measure for increased school impact fees. But the bill was not approved by the Illinois Senate and never heard from again.

Back in Dist. 5, Carter and homeowners organized a successful effort to rid an Ingleside area of a suspected drug house. "The Lake County Sheriff's Dept. got involved. We had an anti-drug march and increased awareness. We banded together. There was 100 people there," Carter said. The end result was arrests and another moved out.

Several emotional issues have come before the board in the past five years. Proposed restrictions to leaf burning was just one of them.

"You have to recognize it is an emotional issue and separate that from the business. Sometime in the future there may be regulations, but Lake County still has some rural areas," Carter said.

The county is seeking permission to raise the sales tax, then conduct a survey before a referendum that would lead to



We don't talk about politics at the dinner table.

BONNIE THOMSON CARTER Community activist

more funds for road projects. Carter, in her previous term, chaired the transportation committee.

The Lake County Forest Preserve, meanwhile, has been active in land purchases over the last five years with two successful referendum efforts. County board members are automatically Forest Preserve members.

"There was a time when people felt it was good for the county for growth. People now realize there has to be a balance, to become complete as a county," Carter said.

"Development has to pay for itself. Until it does, there will be

Carter counts Schmidt and Judy Martini (R-Antioch) as close mentors on the board. Carter's district is second to Martini's in undeveloped land.

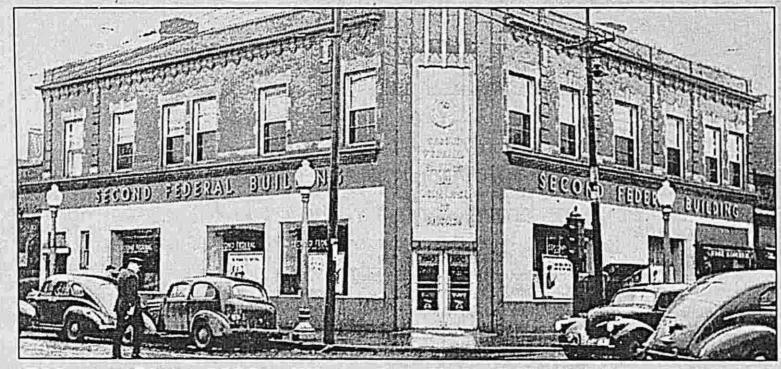
opposition from existing residents."

Carter is pleased she was named to Gov. George Ryan's blue ribbon committee to study long-term water management issues.

Carter is chairman of the legislative and president's advisory committee on the Forest Preserve. She is chairman of the law and judicial committee of the county board — the group toured the Depke Juvenile Detention Center — and is on the land acquisition committee of the Forest Preserve.

As for long-term political goals, don't expect Carter to be seeking any higher offices. "I think in 10 years I can accomplish what I want to on the board," she said.

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A sense of community

The family side of Habitat is a big part of what we are.

JULIE DONOVAN

ooking through Julie Donovan's photo album, it is easy to see why she feels she has one of the most rewarding jobs in the world. One photo, in particular, seems to sum up what Habitat for Humanity Lake County is all about. It shows a young mother with a smile as broad as Lake Michigan standing on the porch of her new home with her grade-school-age daughters on either side of her. It is the first time in their lives they have ever owned a home — and it shows on their faces in such a profound way that it almost brings a tear to the eye.

"The families that we help are so proud of what they have because it is the first time in their lives they ever owned a house," says Donovan, the agency's executive director. "That's part of what makes it so rewarding."

That pride in home ownership continues after the families have established themselves, Donovan says, something that has a profound effect on the

"They get involved in Neighborhood Watch, they participate in community clean-up and they go to school board meetings," Donovan says. "They take an ownership interest in their own neighborhood. They do it because they re-

> alize that they are owners, not just renters being pushed around by a landlord. It's theirs and they have a stake in it, and in the end that whole community improves. It's not just

> > By John Koski

the Habitat families, but everyone benefits.

"Families will often come back and tell us, 'Hey, I'm going back to school. I'm going to be a nurse.' Or they will show me graduation pictures and tell me that their kids are going to college. Those are some of the things we try to promote beyond the house. And maybe the cycle will be ended. We can't

claim that it always is, but we get really thrilled when it is and we rally around those kids and try to support them in every way we can. It makes us feel like we've really made a difference."

Habitat for Humanity Lake County is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, which builds homes in more than 50 countries using volunteer labor and donated materials.

Habitat for Humanity Lake County was founded in 1989 and built its first house in 1990. "In 1991, we built a second home," Donovan says. "We jumped to four houses in 1992 and in 1996, we built six homes and kind of plateaued at that level for a couple of years. Then, in 1998, we built eight houses. Our tenth anniversary was in 1999 and we built 10 homes, one of which we built in 10 days in what we call a blitz. That was a very exciting project.

"This past year, we began 14 homes, not all of which are completed. So we've continued to expand a bit more each year. This year, we'd like to build at least 15 homes. Our board has set some very aggressive goals and we're attempting to develop our infrastructure further so that we can expand and get 20 or 30 homes built in a year."

Habitat for Humanity, however, is about more than just building homes. "The family side of Habitat is a big part of what we are," Donovan says. We're not just a builder of homes. We really aim to build a community through what we do. There is a community among the families, so they all help each another build their homes."

One of Habitat's requirements is that each homeowner must contribute 500 hours of sweat equity - not only on their own home but on other Habitat homes.



PHOTO BY SANDY BRESSNER

Donovan

"The first half of their 500 hours is spent helping others," Donovan says. "So right away, we establish a philosophy of 'I care about you, you care about me and we now work together."

This has lasting effects, she says. "When their house is completed and Habitat is long gone, they still have friends. They don't have to be best friends, but we've found some wonderful friendships.

"We try to build community right away with the people who come into our program. We have had people tell us, 'You know, this was a really good day; I'm glad I came here.' And then they start to pay a little more attention to the dynamic of community and care about it."

"The difference is amazing when you drive down some of the streets, not just from building a Habitat home there, but from other people building as well. To see new growth, flowers growing in front yards, instead of a empty lot where people were being killed and there were empty bottles all the time.

"Now, there are children playing basketball and girls playing jump rope, and moms and dads talking to each another on the sidewalk because they know each other. That is what makes a neighborhood function; so that most of them can say, 'I never want to leave here; I love my neighborhood."

Habitat for Humanity Lake County also works to bring diverse groups of volunteers together to strengthen the bonds of community.

"This year," Donovan says, "we hope to bring a white church and a black church together to build a house. We try bring all of the elements together, whether it's Democrats, Republicans or whatever they may be. In doing that, you start to get an understanding of other people. A lot of what I enjoy about my job is the bringing together of people — this person and that person; you bring them together and pretty

soon you have a house and you have more than a house, you have a group of people who would never have talked to each another otherwise. They become linked in a way that they'll never really forget.

"We have a lot of youth who come in to volunteer and it really opens their eyes to the fact that the world doesn't have it as good as they have it. For some of them, it's the best thing that ever happened to them, and it gives them a focus for their actions and lives. People leave touched in a way they wouldn't have been otherwise."

In selecting a homeowner, Habitat has three criteria. "One is need," Donovan says, "the second is the ability to make the mortgage payments, and the last is partnership. Our priority is families who live in bad housing — housing that is sub-standard in some way. The partnership comes in where they all put in 500 hours of sweat equity. They build the houses with us, some of them work here in the office, others work at our store where we sell used and donated building materials, other help us out with public relations, whatever it takes.

"Before we begin building a house, we always have a ground-breaking dedication where we invite everyone and where we build what we call a people house. We put stakes in the ground marking where the house will be and the people form the boundary of the house. With their arms they make windows and doors.

"The homeowners stand in the middle of the house holding a pole with ribbons on it that run to the corners of the home. They symbolically raise the roof of the house by raising the pole It's one of those special moments. Sometimes you see them looking around and you can almost



Donavan and construction manager Ted Ramai stand in front of a recently completed Habitat home.—Photo by Sandy Bressner.

hear them thinking to themselves, "This is really going to happen." It's a very exciting moment for each of our families."

Even during construction, emotions can be strong. "I've stood next to homeowners who have had tears streaming down their cheeks because they can't believe that this many people - people who they've never seen before - would come and care about them. People who they will probably never see again come and give a day of their lives for free so that someone can have a house. For many of our homeowners it's an

overwhelming feeling — when people in their own family won't help them do something, but these strangers will.

"At the end, we dedicate the house by gathering once again and laying hands on the house and blessing the house and telling stories about what was fun. Everyone cries a little and it puts closure to the project.

"One of the challenges that I sometimes lose sleep over is how can we make sure that everybody has a decent place to live," Donovan says. "So that the children in families can be contributing members of their communities, rather than a drain. Habitat is a piece of that. Our goal is to continually reach out. If someone wants to come and work with us, we want to work with them and together we're going to do some substantial things in the community beyond what we've already done.

"There are so many wonderful people that I meet every day, ranging from the families who become homeowners in our program to the volunteers who work in our office and throughout the organization, as well as all the people in the community who support us. I like to think I have one of the best jobs in the world because it is so very rewarding."

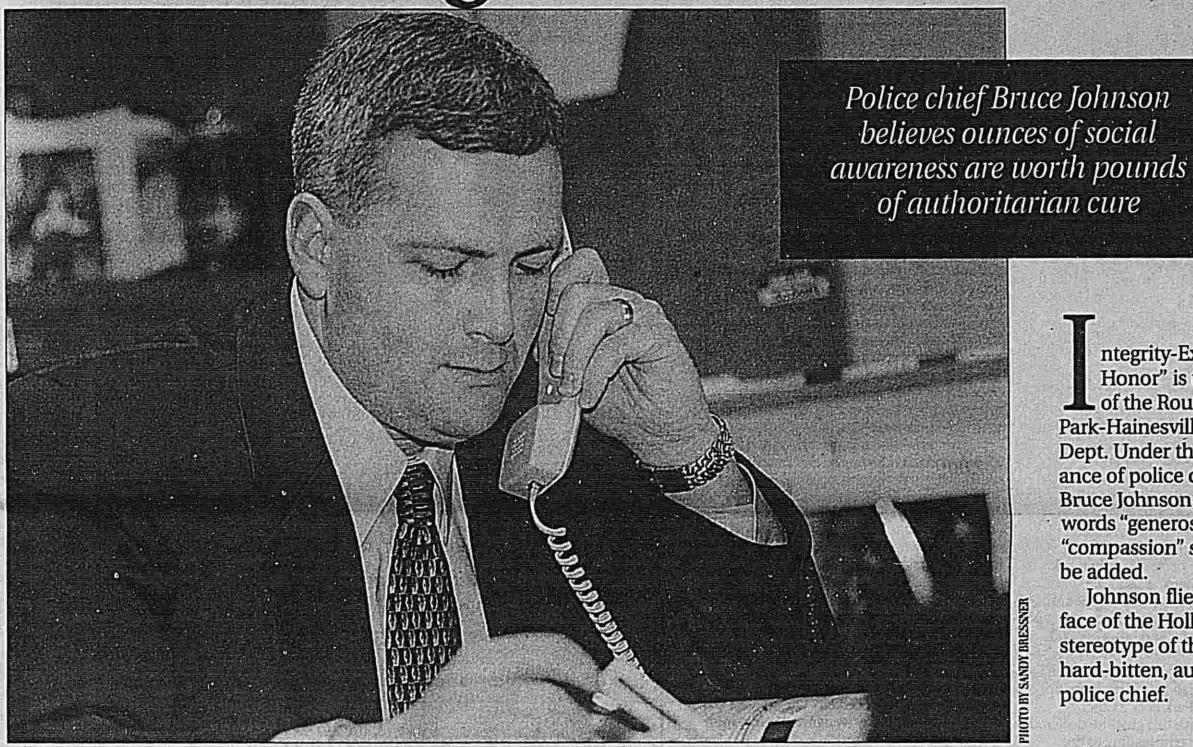
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ntegrity-Excellence-Honor" is the motto of the Round Lake Park-Hainesville Police Dept. Under the guidance of police chief Bruce Johnson, the words "generosity" and "compassion" should be added.

Johnson flies in the face of the Hollywood stereotype of the hard-bitten, autocratic police chief.

"I don't like to use the words 'outside the box'," Johnson said but clearly, he is.

He can be found at work in his office, surrounded by police and motorcycle memorabilia, more likely wearing a Jerry Garcia necktie than a uniform.

Across the hall from his office there is evidence of Johnson's forward-thinking, compassionate approach to law-enforcement.

"This is our 'soft' interview room," he said, showing off a cozy room with a comfy couch and chair, stuffed animals and dolls, and a chalkboard, where a childish hand had written, "I love Mom. I like the police."

The room is in sharp contrast to the "traditional" interview room next to it - the "bad guys" room - that is painted concrete block, with nothing more than a plain table and chairs, a height ruler and an observation window.

The victim-friendly set-up allows those who have been assaulted physically or sexually to privately identify their attackers in a safe, reassuring environment.

This innovation is only one of a number of tangible elements in Johnson's particular version of the war on crime.

Johnson's socially aware stance dictates seeing crime as a preventable illness, best treated with prophylactic actions to mitigate the effects of poverty and ignorance.

The ex-Marine (still a member of the Marine Corps Reserve) is a graduate of Loyola University. He credits theology and philosophy studies with influencing his approach to crime.

"I had a professor who had been a seminary student in Yugoslavia," Johnson recalled. "Trying to escape persecution, he ran away with his brother. They were both starving."

Johnson went on to describe how circumstances can drive

"Hiding in a church, with no food or money, this very moral man was driven by starvation to break into the poor box." He paused a moment, to let the irony sink in. "The box was empty."

The point that anyone can be put in the position of Jean Valjean, the protagonist of "Les Miserables" driven to steal for the sake of his family, is not lost on Johnson, who views economic opportunity as an important factor in criminal activity.

This awareness translates itself into the police chief's vision to "serve and protect" which stresses the service side.

In 1997, this manifested itself in the Round Lake area's first "Shop with a Cop" program. This effort, now an annual tradition, goes beyond the "Toys for Tots" program. Rather than just collecting toys for children, this program puts police officers

By Brenda Balin-Beitscher

side-by-side with underprivileged children in the area. They spend a day roller skating, at the movies and shopping at Wal-Mart for whatever their hearts desire.

Each child is given \$100 to spend on anything in the store. Each child is assigned an officer who serves as a shopping buddy, interacting with the child one-on-one.

"We ask Avon Township for a list of families who most need help at Christmas," Johnson explained. "We send out letters to raise money, and we help as many kids as we can with the

"Our first year, we took 20 kids shopping," he said. "This year we had 206 kids shopping with us. By the time we were done, we'd given \$23,500 to Wal-Mart for the kids' gifts."

Johnson credits the program with humanizing the relation-

ship between neighborhood children and police officers.

"Some of theses kids have seen police in their homes. Some have been in trouble," he noted. "It is exactly the kids who have been in trouble who most need to see that police are good people who care."

The program reaches officers, too. The smiles on children's faces have an effect on their police companions. Johnson noted that sometimes a police officer shopping with a child will dig into his own pocket to supplement the \$100 shopping allowance.

Seeking a wider solution to the complex problems encountered by members of the community, Johnson began to think about how to reach the Latino population, often overlooked or misunderstood, and often subject to prejudice and economic disenfranchisement.

The brainchild born from the police chief's compassionate and cosmopolitan view was the Mano-a-Mano Family Resource Center, located in a storefront at 222 E. Main St. in Round Lake Park.

The storefront agency, which opened its doors in September 2000, has helped more than 337 families, and has already outgrown its quarters, according to program director Maru Tomusiak.

"Mano-a-Mano was Bruce Johnson's idea," Tomusiak said. "He dreamed about it."

"I saw that the Hispanic community did not have equal access and opportunity," Johnson said. "By helping them, we help the entire community."

Johnson's concept, put into practice at the resource center, was to provide information and assistance for people who

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needed a little extra help in getting through the processes that most people take for granted.

"We help them with information on how to get a license or insurance or medical care," Johnson noted. "If people have access to the things they need, it could help reduce crime."

Again referencing his basic stance, Johnson stressed pro-activity vs. re-activity.

"Understanding why people do what they do doesn't mean you condone it," he elaborated. "But if we make arrests without understanding, we are back to being reactive, and we are not solving the problem."

The chief illustrated some of the challenges that Spanish-speaking people might face on a daily basis.

"We could respond to a 911 call and not know why we were called," he said. "One of the needs we had is for interpreters.

At this time, the police force boasts several multi-lingual officers, speaking not only Spanish, but also Thai, Laotian, Polish and Russian.

"Maru has also helped us with interpreting," he remarked.

Tomusiak waxed enthusiastic about Johnson's qualities, including his pro-active approach to the community's needs, and his "pro-diversity" attitude.

"I value and admire his devotion to the community," Tomusiak said. "He goes out of his way to help others, regardless of who they are."

Johnson's tendency to act on his generous impulses has been illustrated time and time again, according to George Filenko.

Filenko, formerly Hainesville Police Chief, has held the title of Administrative Commander since the Round Lake Park and Hainesville Police Departments merged in

"Bruce is a unique person. He often helps people on his own," Filenko said. "Last Christmas he heard about a handicapped kid who needed a male role model. Bruce went and set up a tree, bought gifts, and hung out and played games with the kid. He did it all on his own, and he would never mention it himself."

Filenko enthused about his partnership with the Round Lake Park Police Chief.

"I love working with this guy!" he declared, as he recounted the events leading to the melding of the two police agencies.

"We met several years ago, as two separate agencies," Filenko recalled. "We immediately found we had in common our philosophy of

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BRUCE JOHNSON Round Lake Park **Police Chief**

law enforcement, and we talked for hours about it."

The chiefs found they each had special skills.

"I had a skill for administration and defining policy, while Bruce's experiences as a police officer in Schaumberg and Morton Grove had given him skills in operations."

The two men talked about sharing resources. At the time, the Hainesville Police Dept. was the only one in the county that was a part-time police force.

"Our population was growing. It was then only one-third of what it is now," Filenko remembered. "We could see a growing need for public safety services."

Hainesville had explored its options, which included going full-time or contracting with the Lake County Sheriff for additional help.

"Bruce and I talked about combining," the former Hainesville chief said. "We were fortunate because the mayors had a good working relationship with each other and they each had a good relationship with each of us."

The collaboration, and Johnson's leadership, has proven to be good for both localities.

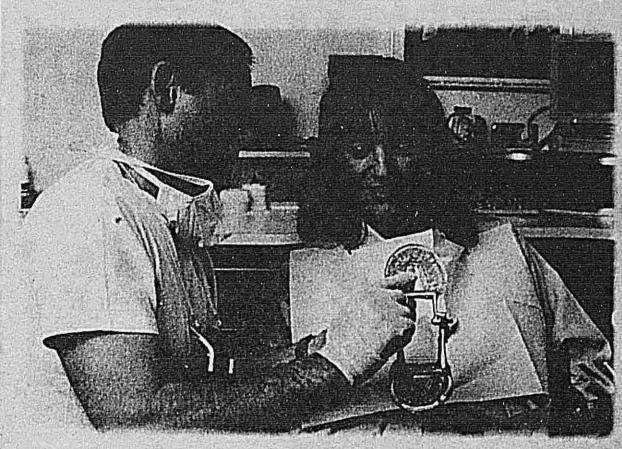
"He is an outstanding police chief and he is very committed to the greater community," said Round Lake Park Mayor Ila Bauer.

"We now have a far more professional police department. We are proud of the department," she remarked. "Our officers are well-trained, and they recognize their responsibility to the community."

Commenting further, Bauer noted, "As a person as well as a police chief, he is a superb role model for children, young adults and older adults, too."



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Preservin Our past Dean Larson combines seriousness with a sense of humor to carry forth his mission

Never mind that he is a Libertyville village trustee with a clever and at times sarcastic sense of humor — it's the work he does away from being a board member that makes him unlike any other person in Lake County.

"One of the problems I have is that I'm serious most of the time, but sometimes I joke," noted Larson.

Larson is the President of the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society, located inside of the Ansel B. Cook mansion and museum just off Milwaukee Ave. in the heart of Libertyville's business district.

When he moved to the area in 1958, Larson immediately joined the Historical Society, and was elected to its board of directors. Eventually, his dedication to the history of items pertaining to Libertyville, Mundelein and all of Lake County got him elected president of the organization.

"You always learn something from him," said Ken Schnar, who has been giving tours of the Cook home and Historical Society for 20 years. Larson, ever the modest individual responded to Schnar's comment with one of his own.

. "We all learn something from each other."

The amount of learning that Larson has done in his life, however, has made him an expert on Libertyville and Mundelein history. He's no slouch when it comes to county history either. Chances are, if you have a question, he has an answer

"He's a walking encyclopedia of knowledge," said Libertyville Mayor Duane Laska.

Through Larson's guidance, historical society workers have assembled a card catalog system which lists every item by sub-

alk into Libertyville's Cook Memorial Library on almost any day of the week, and there's a pretty good chance you will bump into Dean Larson.

ject, such as historical audio tapes, post cards, old books, photographs and more than the mind ever wanted to know about Lake County. There are even a series of historical essays that he hasn't gotten around to organizing yet.

"Someday we hope to publish these," Larson said.
On this particular day, he led a tour of the Cook Mansion, and explained how in 1880, the first railroad came from Rond-



Helping preserve the past by collecting antique or historical items is one of Larson's biggest passions.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

By Tim Froehlig

out to Libertyville, but not without a lot of hard work.

"You had to have people volunteer in the community to lay the grade," he said. In other words, Lake County residents wishing to have a railroad pass through

their towns had to develop the land to accommodate train tracks for free before the railroad would lay tracks down. Once the tracks were laid, hogs and other livestock were hauled to the stockyards in Chicago.

Larson also tells stories about the Libertyville fire of 1895 that destroyed much of the town's downtown area, or how he has on display what he believes is an authentic piece of the American flag that was hanging over the balcony in Ford's Theater the night Lincoln was shot.

He also is proud to tell visitors that the museum has on display a map of Lake County from 1861. The map is stored in acid-free Plexiglas to preserve its appearance. Another story that he loves to tell is about how Libertyville used to have a race track that was used for car and horse races until 1918. To-day, there are houses and roads where that used to be.

One of the more interesting tales Larson is passionate about comes from an aerial photo taken from a box kite in 1908. It is a photograph of Libertyville, showing what is now called Butler Lake. According to a map that was on file with the federal government, the area was a swamp at the time. However, because of the photo Larson has, the swamp theory is obviously wrong — something he is very proud to point out. To him, the box kite photo is a prime example of why preserving

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an area's history is so important — so there are facts instead of fiction passed from one generation to the next.

The Historical Society operates solely on private donations, which makes Larson and his colleagues' jobs challenging. But the rewards of volunteering far outweigh the fact that people are not paid to preserve our heritage.

All of the volunteers fit together like the pieces to a puzzle — some are good at research, some have listening skills, while others have a knack for organizing things. Besides, he says he could never keep up with all the work himself. It is in this way that his modesty often precedes him.

"Unless you can get other people involved, there's going to be things you miss," Larson said. "One of the most important things is you need some people who like to work with people, some who like to listen and some who like to get involved."

Larson's biggest goal is to have the Cook Mansion placed on the National Register of Historic Places. He has spent much of his time preparing a document that he hopes will give the mansion landmark status. In 1985, a similar petition was denied, yet this time around, Larson is optimistic that the National Park Service will change its mind based upon new information he has submitted.

Initially, the mansion was denied landmark status because, according to Larson, it originally had a wooden porch. This, he believes, was a ridiculous reason to deny the historical society's first request.

"However, if you had an outhouse that was 50 years old, it met their criteria," Larson said laughing, but nevertheless serious.

In the basement of the mansion/historical society, there are seemingly endless copies of newspaper articles and photographs chronicling important events in the county's history. No matter what a person's age, it only takes one moment to add a new piece to the puzzle of what we know about our past.

A perfect example of this is the time a Carmel High School senior took a look at some old photos that he came across.

Having spent some time at the historical society, the young man recognized several of the people in the photograph as members of Ansel Cook's family. Lo and behold, after doing some comparisons with other photos, Larson found out that his suspicions were correct.

So out of all the things inside of the mansion, what is Larson's personal favorite? A "Wide Awakes" banner located upstairs in the mansion. The Wide Awakes were an organization based in Hartford, Conn. that was founded in 1860. The group also had a Chicago chapter, which presented the banner to the Libertyville Wide Awakes in October of 1860.

The banner is encased in glass, and rumor has it that the image of President Abraham Lincoln can be seen on the back of the banner. There's one problem though — because the

banner is so old, and there is not enough money available to restore it, Larson doesn't dare take it out of its enclosure.

The list of amazing stories goes on and on. In fact, it is often difficult to spend less than an hour around Dean Larson, because he always has something to tell you. Not just any old story, mind you, but usually the type of story people love to hear. The type of story your grandparents tell you when you're a child as you sit there in awe, hanging on to every word they say. The type of story that lives on and on forever, just as Dean Larson and his contributions to our past will live forever, long after we are gone.

"Nobody lives forever," said Larson.

Yet some days, when he tells a story, it makes you realize that in many ways we do.



Larson stands next to a "Wide Awakes" banner said to have an image of Abraham Lincoln on the back of the banner.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

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Duane Laska

wo years ago, if you asked Libertyville Mayor Duane Laska what a peaker power plant was, he would not have known.

In fact, the rest of the village board, plan commission and residents had no idea what they were in for either—specifically, about a year of public hearings on what quickly became Lake County's most controversial topic.

"It became apparent that it was going to be a very emotional issue," said Laska.

His main goal was to assume a leadership role, and make

sure the topic did not divide the community. Although he is Libertyville's youngest board member as far as age goes, he has served more time on the board than any of his colleagues. But instead of panicking, Laska and other village officials began preparing for something none of them had ever experienced.

"We knew it (the hearing process) would take awhile, but we wanted it to take awhile," Laska said.

At times, the plan commission's hearings on Indeck Energy Service's petition to build the power plant went as long as four hours or more. By having so many hearings, village officials and residents were able to dissect the testimony into what Laska called "bite-sized pieces." This helped make everyone involved in the process become more knowledgeMayor's leadership skills prove to be a valuable asset in an unfamiliar situation

able about peaker plants.

"You can't do that with a two-hour presentation," commented Laska.

Although attending the hearings was not mandatory, Laska estimates throughout the entire process, he spent 300-400 hours at the meetings or reading transcripts from them.

Ironically, it took the village board a matter of minutes to vote unanimously against Indeck's petition, with almost no comment from board members. Prior to the vote, several trustees specifically thanked Laska for his guidance. But what if the board had voted in favor of the power plant?

"It really could've altered the future of the community," said Laska, who noted if Indeck's request had fit the village's zoning code, it would have been difficult for the board to turn them down.

Although the final vote of the village board was swift and decisive, it does not mean that their verdict came without a great deal of thought. Whether a board member was for or against the power plant personally, Laska made sure that trustees based their decisions on what Libertyville's zoning code and comprehensive plan called for.

"It (the quick decision to deny Indeck's petition) was not scripted," Laska said. "The board did their homework. At that point I felt, look, this could go on forever."

Laska explained how many times during the process, board members came to him and asked him for advice, or at times his opinion on specific aspects of peaker power plants.

By Tim Froehlig

He noted that he helped guide his colleagues, but always encouraged them to make their own decisions.

Just because the village board worked so well together throughout the hearing process doesn't mean it was always that way. In a day and age when many village boards are having constant disagreements or pursuing their own agendas, Laska has always tried to work with trustees, village staff and the entire community to make Libertyville a better place not just now, but 10 or 20 years down the road.

"Some people get into politics for the wrong reason," he said. "We sit down once a year and formulate our goals."

This kind of planning and teamwork has helped board members get along well for the most part, yet every once in a while, with success there also comes disappointment.

Disappointment was exactly what Laska and much of the community felt last year, after a court ruled in favor of a franchise called Lover's Lane. The company sells lingerie, adult-oriented gag gifts, lingerie and adult toys. Even though you must be 18 years old to enter one of these stores, many Libertyville officials were less than pleased when they found out Lover's Lane wanted to move into their community.

The village denied Lovers Lane's request to operate a store at the corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Winchester Rd. near Libertyville's downtown area. At the time, village attorney David Pardys explained that he felt that such a store should not be allowed at the requested location, because it did not fit the village's zoning classification. Lover's Lane representatives were then advised of their appeal options.

They instead ended up filing a suit in court against the village, claiming that they should be allowed to operate a store in the location they requested. A judge found in favor of Lover's Lane, which disappointed village officials, but Laska said they would not appeal the court's decision. By not appealing the decision, the village showed that even if they try to do what they feel is in the best interest of the community, the law is still the law. You win some, you lose some, but the process is fair, and both sides are always heard.

Meeting Duane Laska, one might think that with his softspoken wisdom, he has been in leadership roles all of his life. Not so, he says.

"When I was in my 20s, everyone used to call me "mayor," commented Laska. "I'd think, 'knock it off.' I guess people said it because they thought I was so involved (in

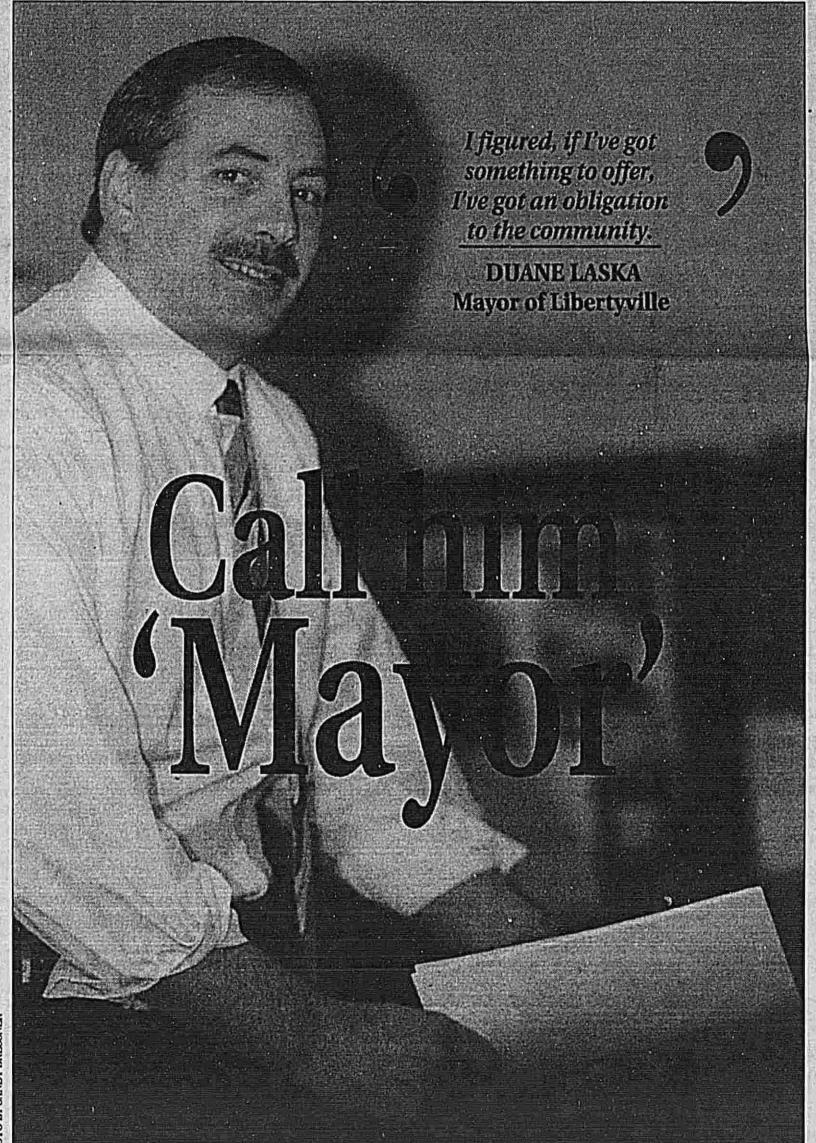


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the community)."

Involved was exactly what he was. At age 18, he was running Libertyville Days, which is a well-known event in the community that takes a lot of planning. He also attended quite a few board meeting when he was younger, and got to know many of the trustees at the time. But it was the encouragement of former Mayor Paul Neal and many members of the community that started him toward where he is today. With Neal's help, and the help of others, he became the village's youngest trustee at age 30.

"I figured, if I've got something to offer, I've got an obligation to the community," Laska said. Shortly thereafter, Laska decided to run for mayor, and was successful. It may have been difficult to give up his vote as a trustee, but Laska feels comfortable in his leadership role. He still has veto power over any vote the board makes, but he has never felt the need to use this privilege.

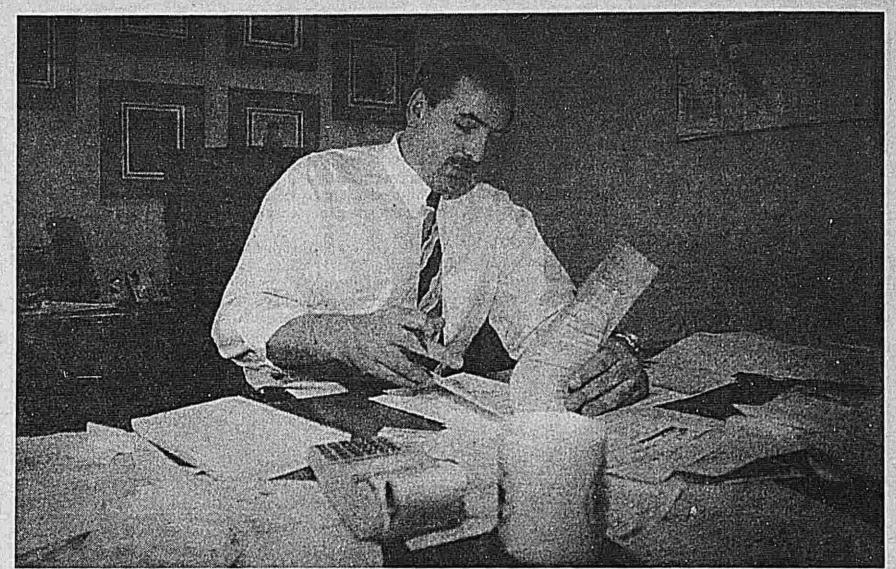
"I certainly don't rattle that sabre recklessly," he said with a smile. "The only time I would consider vetoing anything would be if I felt it was illegal, or that it (an item) was voted on because of undue pressure." If he simply doesn't agree with a decision, he stated he would never veto an item.

Since he is running unopposed this spring, Laska is guaranteed re-election. But the way he looks at it, his job is not only to help make Libertyville a nicer place now, but for those who live there in 15 or 20 years.

"The way I look at it is, gee, it's gonna be here long after I'm dead," explained Laska.

But being mayor and working full-time are not his only responsibilities. Laska is also the proud father of four young boys, including a set of triplets. He recalled what he felt the first time he learned he would have four mouths to feed instead of one or two.

"When they (doctors) first told us I was in shock," he said.



Libertyville Mayor Duane Laska not only oversees an entire community, but he also works full-time, and has a wife and four young boys.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

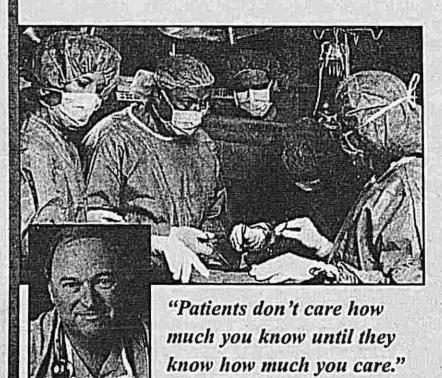
"At first, they told us there were four. We (myself and my wife) were stunned."

Sometimes life gives people little surprises like that, even if it is overwhelming at times to take care of four youngsters. His oldest son Matthew is now 6, while Kyle, Marc and Brett just turned four last month.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything," said Laska, laughing but remaining very serious. "I want them to have the type of community I had when I was growing up."

With continued hard work by Laska, village trustees and staff, and a little luck, the odds of that happening will continue to be stacked in his favor.

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Claude LeMere

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here's a T-shirt hanging on the wall in his office that reads, "Oct. 5 - 7 a.m." The shirt is significant because it symbolizes Claude LeMere's first success as community development director for the Village of Antioch as well as his forward style with people that makes him a natural success at what he does.

By Julie Murphy

LeMere explained that when he first took the position nearly eight years ago, he knew a meeting with all the downtown merchants was necessary. He set a date and time, invited everyone to attend, and was then told he'd be lucky to get a handful of people to attend.

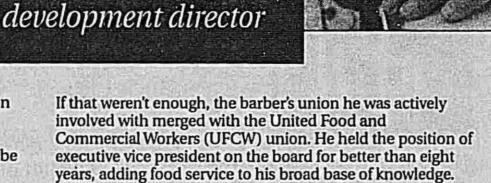
To ensure that didn't happen, he had the bright orange shirt that now adorns his wall made and he wore it every day. LeMere said, "I'd walk up and down the sidewalks downtown, tap on a window to get the attention of the shop owner, and then I'd smile and point at my shirt. It worked – 98 percent of the merchants showed up for that first meeting."

LeMere was raised in Brookfield where his family was one of the pioneers of the town. He lived and worked there until he decided to make Antioch more than just a place to visit and go fishing a dozen years ago.

Never idle, LeMere began his work career doing lawn maintenance and landscaping as a pre-teen and teenager. His senior year of high school he went to barber college. By 1963 he owned and operated not only a successful barbershop, but had a tree removal and landscaping business.

After 13 years, he switched his secondary occupation from landscaping to real estate, working for a realtor who hung his shingle next to the barbershop. LeMere helped to build that office up to one with 22 realtors, and had a sister office of eight. He immersed himself in commercial, industrial and income properties in addition to the residential end of the business.

LeMere became the youngest president of the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce. He increased the membership from 69 to 132 in one year, and restructured the organization taking it from the red into the black.



Antioch's Claude LeMere

posts impressive record

as community

He was an active volunteer for the recreation department in Brookfield, and had been successful putting his hand in some commercial revitalization in the downtown area. Though he hadn't officially worked in a governmental capacity, it was a natural progression.

By the time LeMere moved to Antioch, he had whittled his work week back to four days a week and about 20 hours. "Now I work everyday and about 60-70 hours a week," said LeMere. "But this has been the best time of my life. I love the community."

To keep himself occupied, LeMere joined the Lions club, volunteered to help out with all of The Taste of Antioch (now known as the MegaFest), and was the special events chairman of the Centennial Celebration. It was at this celebration that he met Mayor Marilyn Shineflug, who was a trustee at the time, and was ultimately offered his position.

"When I met Marilyn she had been riding on one of the floats in the parade," said LeMere. "At the end of the parade, she literally came down off of the float and introduced herself. She knew of me because of the volunteering I had done, and she asked if I had done government work which I had not."

As they talked, it became apparent that LeMere was well suited to take on the tasks of community development director, and the formal application and hiring processes began.

"I've been a landlord. I know about real estate. I know

about property values (and what causes them to increase or decrease). I have been a small business owner. I can relate," said LeMere, "I put the key in the door myself for 30 years."

LeMere is proud that he has been part of the process that has built Antioch's downtown back up to a viable retail area. He said, "The William E. Brook Memorial Park is really the frosting on the cake. It takes more than just nice stores, it's parking and all the other things that are offered that make the difference." This he knows as he has made it habit to study different downtown areas to determine what works and why.

LeMere, in effect, has acted as a door to door salesman for Antioch. "I'm not bashful," he said. "I've gone into businesses in other communities and asked if they would like to move to Antioch, or consider a second location in Antioch. The strength of our Chamber has added a lot to make it desirable to do business here."

"I've been a downtown merchant all of my life in Brookfield, and I can't emphasize enough that 'downtown' is vital to our heritage," said LeMere. "It was the community center and gathering place for residents and farmers. It's vital to the village."

Of concern for LeMere now is creating a balance between residential and industrial/commercial growth. He said, "This is an important time for the village, and we're working diligently to develop a tax base so that residents don't have to pay so much. Residential growth affects what we do, because we have to keep the tax base balanced."

LeMere explained that the current industrial park is full



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Community Development Director

and that hurts Antioch. "Every time we lose industry to Wisconsin we lose jobs and a tax base for our schools," he said. "An additional tax base for our schools comes from industrial and commercial (enterprises)."

He continued, "We need a new industrial park of about 400 acres that is not too close to our residential areas, and that is near a main artery. We are taking all of the steps necessary to get a project like that off the ground, including working with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA)."

According to LeMere, Antioch is in a prime geographic location for such a large commercial/industrial area because it is in the middle of "three big players," Chicago, Milwaukee and Rockford. "Additionally, we can use the synergy of a large commercial development to draw shoppers into our downtown," he said. "It would be beneficial on a number of levels."

Despite his progressive thoughts about development, LeMere approaches things conventionally. There is no computer in his office, and he has a dislike of e-mail. "It takes something away when you use the computer for personal things," he said. "It's the people who are important. Over the years you develop what become friendships. Personal contact is what it's all about."





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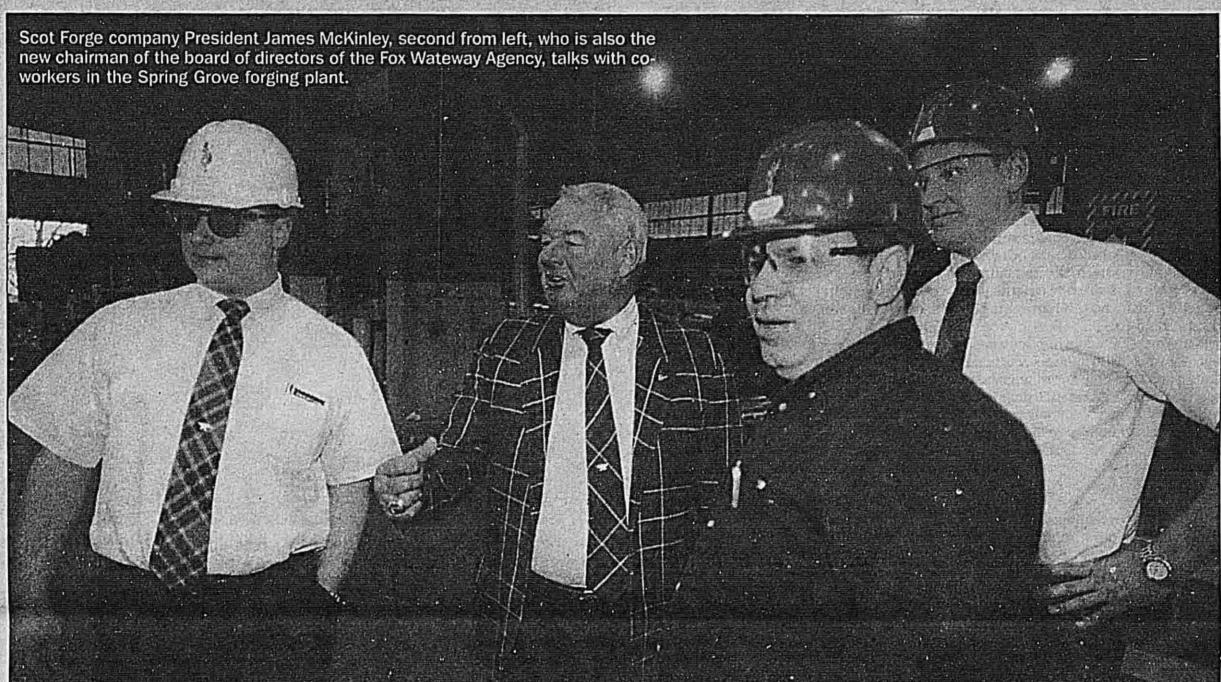
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James McKinley



Aman of many hats

James McKinley keeps active as a businessman and community leader

ames McKinley Jr. wears two buttons on his lapel and many more hats.

On one side, there is the Fox Waterway
Agency (FWA) logo. On the other, the
Scot Forge logo of a Scotsman in full
regalia.

That only scratches the surface of McKinley's interests. A devoted family man, he directs the award-winning Spring Grove manufacturer, a leader in the global forging industry. But off to the side of his Winn Rd. office, one can see his other interest — golf. And in a garage at the business, he carefully stores his own antique vehicle collection. With some proding, he will show a visitor the nearby land he owns, with more than a dozen ponds.

He has golfed at some of the most historic golf courses in Scotland. He is also very much a home-grown person, spending his youth on the Chain O' Lakes.

After Dr. William Dam ran the FWA for seven years as chairman of the board of directors, he designated McKinley as his successor when he resigned last year. The 16-year-old Fox Lake based agency is in charge of recreation on the Fox waterway from the Wisconsin border to the Algonquin Dam. Its annual budget is just over \$2 million, coming mostly from sticker fees.

McKinley believes much progress has been made at both the FWA and at Scot Forge.

"Getting \$1 million from the state last year was just the start. We have a 10-year plan and a \$22.9 million funding request. The most exciting project is the geotube, which is restoring Grass Island. We are looking at a proposed multi-purpose site in Fox Lake on Lagoon Dr., and an island on Nippersink Lake," McKinley said.

The FWA has a professional staff, growing over the years, and, has the respect of its parent state agency, the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, where before, it was treated as somewhat of a step-child.

By Steve Peterson

Ingrid Enriquez, FWA executive director, said the transition in board chairmen has gone well. McKinley has a good way of letting staff members do their jobs, a hands-off approach, she said.

The Chain O'Lakes was always a big part of McKinley's life.
"We came out here from Chicago in 1953. As a young kid, I would remember rowboating and fishing. It was a day before regulations. Fox Lake had about 1,700 people then and most of them were not permanent residents. I remember when my dad had an iceboat — it was so cold," recalled the Grant High School Class of 1960 graduate.

On a snowy December day, he recalled how Scot Forge Co., which traces its beginnings to the 19th century firm Atlas

Forge, began.

"We had our first plant in Cicero," McKinley said. "It was a stationery/noise-hammer shop. Then we moved to Franklin Park, and to Clinton, Wis., then we started construction here in 1977 and moved in in 1978," he recalled.

McKinley bought out a company called Hellstrom then, and found many creative people as he doubled his workforce.

Today, the Spring Grove plant has as its customers the Department of Defense, and multimillionaires looking for the best keel for their America's Cup yachts.

The firm is the largest purchaser of bottom-poured ignots, filling virtually any standard or need. Offerings include open die forgings from one pound to 80,000 pounds, rolled rings up to 60,000 pounds and hubs, spindles, hallows and bars. The business, winners of several awards in 1999, prides itself in many areas, including: technical support and assistance; cost reduction analysis; minimized lead times using advanced scheduling software and guarantreed delivery programs.

"I believe in hiring people and empowering them to do the job they were hired to do," McKinley said, noting a philosophy that covers both the FWA and Scot Forge.

The firm is 100 percent employee-owned, which fosters iniatitive that began back in 1978.

"We wanted to find a way to avoid a takeover. ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Program) is just the ideal vehicle. Employees have stock and ownership and are constantly looking for a way to improve. John Cain, our chief operating officer,

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McKinley

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Businessman and community leader JAMES MCKINLEY

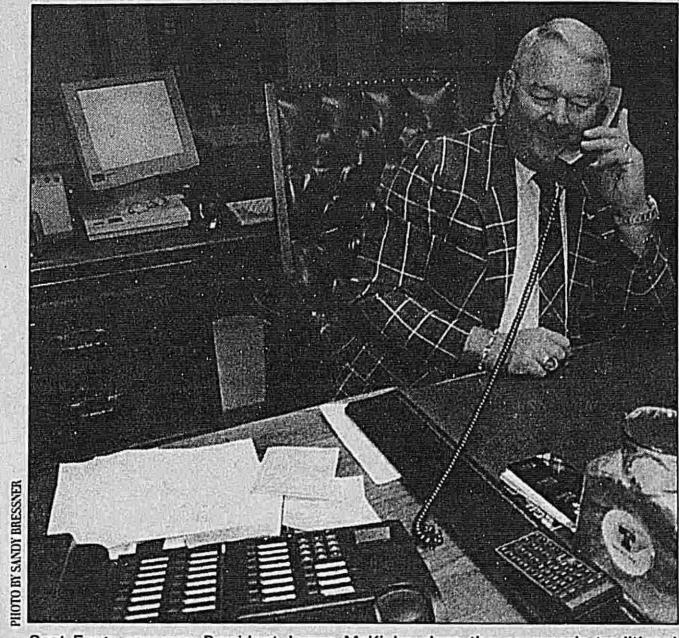
has been with us since his high school days. Sharon Haverstock in marketing is one of the first female directors in the forging industry in North America. Mike Klingberg is our chief financial officer and Bob Krysiek heads our rings division. My son, Jim, started in the maintenance department cutting grass," McKinley said.

He met his wife Sharon as a salesman in one of his first jobs in the forging industry. His daughter Becky Eiden and son Jimmy are both working for the company. McKinley has spent 40 years in the industry.

Forge's products are made in places as diverse as Franklin Park, to Clinton, Miss. where Tartan Bars are rolled with a forged center for enhanced strength and quality. Back home in Spring Grove, products considered finished work include seamless rolled rings, hollows, spindles, torch-cut forgings. Some machines have the ability to forge parts up to 80,000 pounds. The site includes a complete metallurgical lab, sawing, heat treating, torch-cutting, rough machining, three hydraulic open die presses and two ring mills.

Scot Forge products will soon be seen on the missile launchers that will replace the old Trident class submarines. Now, as many as 154 Tomahawk missiles can be fired from up to 75 miles away. This is the type of defense that Secretary of State-designate Donald Rumsfeld favors

So what other types of things are Scot Forge employees working on these days? A tour of the plant showed the 10-hour shifts staff hard at work on a revolutionary saw cutting device, wheels for coal shovels, rings for Boeing rockets. And with McKinley's knowledge as a businessman, there's no telling what tomorrow may bring.



Scot Forge company President James McKinley dons the company's traditional plaid in his Spring Grove office. McKinley is the new chairman of the board of directors of the Fox Waterway Agency.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

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e's a rarity when it comes to coaching.
And Antioch's Denny Porter has enjoyed every minute of it.

Porter has prospered as a youth coach since 1968. In addition, he has held various management positions at Motorola for 29 years before his retirement in 1998 and has spent over 30 years raising money and participating in charities all across Illinois.

By Rob Backus

However, for the first 22 years of his life Porter had no intention of becoming a coach.

Throughout his high school career at New Trier and Palatine, where he graduated in 1964, Porter played football as a defensive end.

He continued playing football at the University of Missouri at Columbia where he graduated in 1968 with a degree in business.

But a permanent shoulder separation ended his playing career and left him searching for something else.

So Porter decided to join the Palatine Jaycees, a community service organization. "I wanted to meet people in the community," reflected Porter.

In order to become a member, one had to perform one act of community service per year. The long list of various services included coaching a youth football team.

"Someone who knew my background as a football player thought I would be perfect for that project," said Porter. "But at first I really didn't want to do it. It took a lot of persuading."

That's how close Lake County came to never hearing of Denny Porter. Instead,

Antioch's Denny Porter is a success in coaching and life

thousands have prospered and benefited from Porter's knowledge.

Porter's first team, a heavyweight squad in the Palatine Amateur Football
Association, won the championship in his first year. The championship provided
an omen for his next 32 years of achievement as a coach.

In 33 years as a football coach with Palatine, the Buffalo Grove Bills and the Antioch Vikings, Porter has amassed a 491-27 record, including a 123-game consecutive win streak that ended in 1993. In addition, 33 years in football have produced 28 league titles between the three teams.

Due to the success of his first year as a football coach, Porter was approached later in 1968 by parents and asked to form a summer youth basketball team in

At the time, grade school basketball was usually limited to less than 10 games per year so parents were looking to give their kids more experience before they went to high school.

Thus, the traveling Lakers organization was born.

"I just wanted to give kids the exposure and experience they wouldn't have normally had," said Porter.

To come up with a name for the team, Porter thought of the most successful NBA team at the time: the Jerry West, Elgin Baylor and Wilt Chamberlain - led Los Angeles Lakers. During their first year, the Lakers played 20 games in Chicago, Milwaukee, Racine and Gary, Ind. but, unlike today, there were no tournaments.

In 1970, the Lakers organization experienced a turning point when parents from other communities such as Arlington Heights, Mundelein and Deerfield asked for their sons to be able to join the team.

Porter agreed and the team changed its name from the Palatine Lakers to the Lakeland-based Lakers which they are still recognized as today.

The organization eventually ballooned to include fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade boys and girls teams.

But the Lakers wasn't the only organization that Porter started.

Coach

In 1971, Porter moved to Buffalo Grove where he founded the aforementioned Bills, Buffalo Grove's first youth football team.

Porter also founded the now-defunct Suburban Open Junior Golf Classic in 1968.

He is also responsible in part for the implementing of the high school Feeder League.

The Feeder League, which began play in 1980, is comprised of approximately 85 high schools.

The league was set up for future students of various high schools across Cook and Lake County.

"In the 1970s, summer basketball was almost unheard of," said Porter. "Now thousands of people do it."

During his tenure with the Lakers, Porter has won over 1,000 games, 28 state championships and



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DENNY PORTER Legendary coach

seven national championships.

And in 1999, Porter was named the AAU National Coach of the Year.

Porter cites four seemingly simple keys to his success with the Lakers.

The first key is to limit the roster size.

Many teams have rosters of up to 20 kids, but the major drawback of that is the fact that only a handful of those 20 will see any playing time.

So Porter limits his roster to just 10, ensuring that all will get

That leads directly to the second key which is that the best teacher is game experience. The kids play better as they play more games.

The third key is to surround yourself with good people.

The Lakers organization has had dozens of coaches through the years, many of which were, or went on to be, coaches elsewhere. That is a sign that many of the coaches within the organization are effective.

The fourth and final key is that everyone within the organization, be it player or coach, plays a major role.

Porter has used this philosophy with success in the business world with Motorola for 29 years before his retirement in 1998 and with AutoZone in Antioch for the past seven months. Unfortunately, the run may have come to an end, at least in Illinois.

Because of his quick success at AutoZone, the company plans to transfer him so he can manage a new store in Wisconsin.

Despite the possible move, Porter still plans to continue coaching.

"I love it," said Porter. "I'll keep doing it until they bury me."

But Porter doesn't limit his life to just coaching and business.

He also helps children and other people through the various charities.

Every Thanksgiving, Porter delivers turkeys to shelters. He has also raised thousands of dollars worth of gifts for area group homes.

In early December, he answers "Dear Santa" letters written by children all across Illinois and, on occasion, has actually delivered gifts requested by children in their letters.

These are just some of the charities that Porter has been involved in over the years. "I just love to help people," said Porter.

That motivation has made him successful in all facets of his life.

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he plaque on his wall reads "Tough as Nails." For Fox Lake's Nick Sheridan, age

Ever since he was a little boy, Sheridan started becoming attached to racing. He hung around O'Hare and Waukegan Speedways with father Bill, who was a stock car owner and drag racer. The venues also included Lake Geneva Raceway and Wilmot Speedway.

26, it's only fitting.

"My first dream was to play baseball," recalls Sheridan.

"But racing soon became a fascination after being around dad and the track. I mean the speed and excitement – it intrigued me. And since my first visit to Wilmot, I think I was nine, I've always wanted to race on dirt (which Wilmot is)."

Nick had been to Wilmot almost every Saturday night up until 1997, September to be exact.

But a huge obstacle was forthcoming.

It was around 3 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon and Nick thought he was coming down with the flu.

"It started with a stomach ache," said Sheridan.

Then, at about 5 a.m. the next morning, he could hardly move.

"Dehydration was setting in. I figured something was terribly wrong. I had to use the wall to help hold me up so I could walk," he said.

Nick ended up calling a close friend to come and take him to a nearby McHenry hospital.

By John Phelps

Doctors were stumped initially.

"They didn't know what it was," said Sheridan. "But in that hour, I had developed a big bruise on my thigh. It hurt quite a bit. They thought it was sports-related."

Soon after, doctors linked Nick's bruise to speasymia, which is a clotting of the vessels and cuts off ventilation and circulation to the blood vessels. A rash first appears under the skin, starting with a cluster of tiny spots. If untreated, they get bigger and become multiple areas of obvious bleeding under the skin surface, like fresh bruises. The rash can appear anywhere on the body, even behind the ears or on the soles of the feet.

After further examination, it was determined that Nick had contracted bacterial meningitis, which is an inflammation of the meninges, or the brain lining.

Bacterial meningitis is contracted through saliva by germs that live naturally in the back of the nose and throat. People can carry the germs without becoming ill; it's very rare that they overcome the body's defense mechanisms. They are usually spread through saliva, with coughing, sneezing and kissing being the most common ways. And because the germs aren't capable of living outside the body for long, they cannot be passed via water supplies, swimming pools or in buildings or factories.

While it's not certain how Sheridan first contracted the germs, this young man was about to go on a ride through hell and back.

Flight For Life immediately flew Sheridan to Frodet Memorial Hospital in Milwaukee.

While in flight, Nick's feet, knees and nose turned black and blue from excessive bruising. Over 70 percent of his body had thus become infected.

"They couldn't touch any part of my body without my screaming," he said.

Shortly after, Nick passed out and was in-and-out of a coma for about a week. He spent most of that time in intensive care.

"His systems shut down three times," his mother Ruth remembered. "For two-and-a-half weeks we didn't know if he was going to make it."

Through various antibiotics and liquids (to get his hydration back), the meningitis was killed off after about 24 hours; otherwise Nick might not even be here today. During this period, Nick was also put into a hyperbolic chamber, where a tiny tube was used to pump oxygen back into his body.

"It's usually for burn victims but they did that to help my skin," said Sheridan.

The damage had been done, however.

Below his knees on both legs and part of his right arm were too deteriorated and couldn't be saved. They had to be amputated.

Nick hallucinated that first month and "then I just remember waking up and some of my limbs were gone," he recalled. "During the second month, they were pretty much waiting to see what they could save on my legs. They took 15 skin grafts and ended up amputating below my knees on both legs."

Meanwhile, Nick's fingers were so dead they had to amputate up to the first knuckle on each hand as well. In order to save the rest of his fingers, they first sewed them to his stomach.

"It looked like one big boxing glove," said Sheridan.
All in all, Nick was in the hospital from September until
December. He went home for three weeks, including the holi-

He returned to the hospital in January to have his middle fingers separated.

"Now it looked like I had lobster claws," he recalls.

Rehabilitation at the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute was the next step.

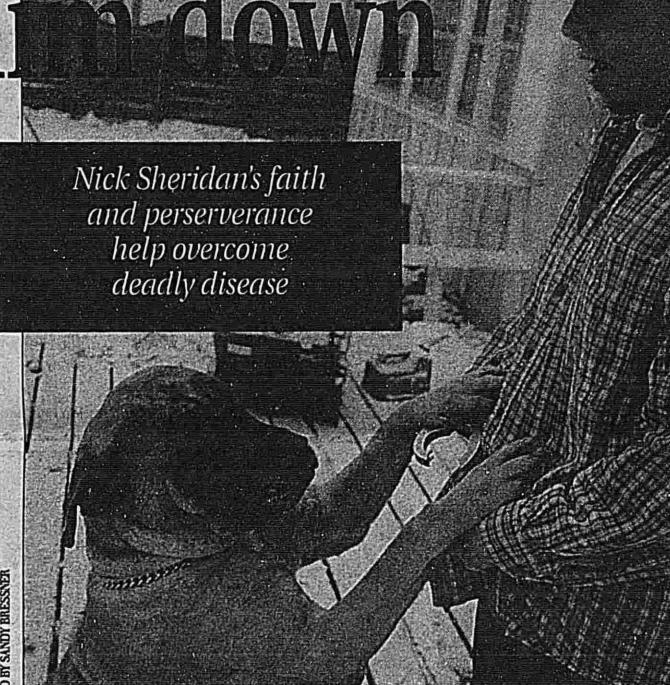
"I basically had to learn how to dress and feed myself all over again," he remembers. "Because I had lost a lot of muscle tone, I also had to learn to sit up again. I was getting dizzy and passing out and plenty of exercising helped."

Nick spent a month in rehab before returning home again in March. He still had a lot of open wounds but underwent another surgery that month to separate his fingers.

In April, he continued rehab. During that month, he was fitted for his prosthetic legs and arm.

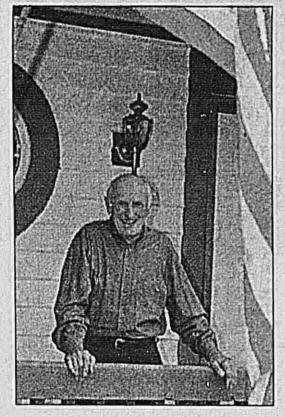
By now, Nick was becoming versed once again at tying his

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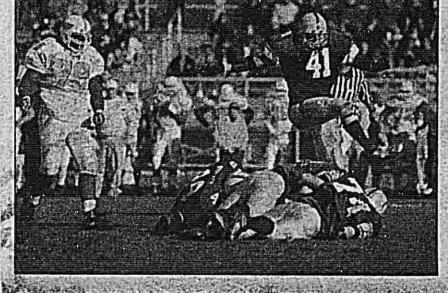










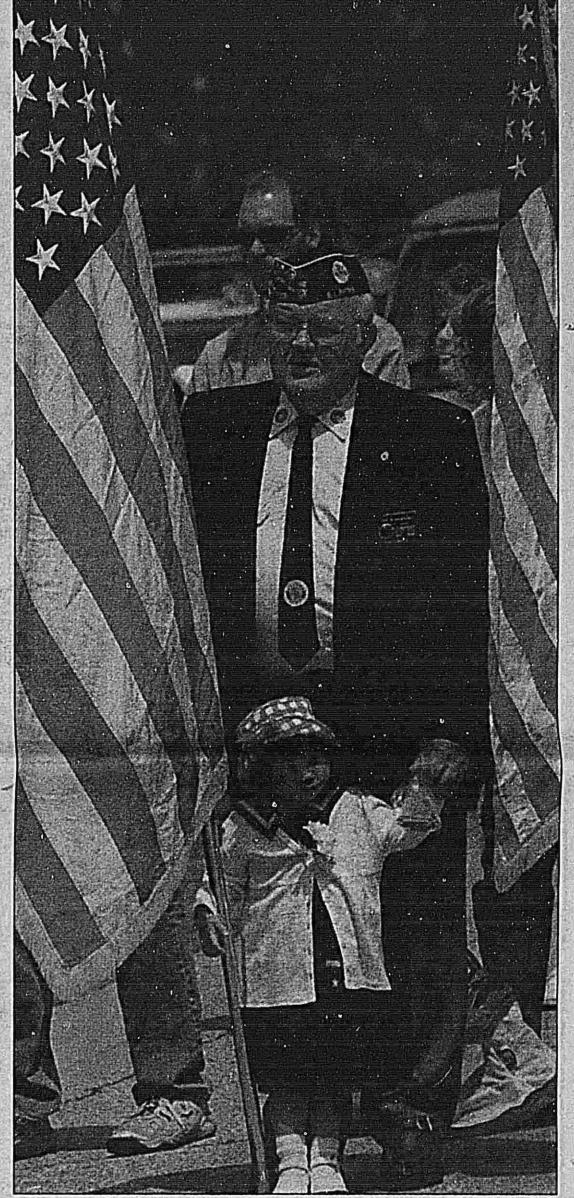














Sheridan

shoes, cooking, walking and doing his laundry.

"I tripped a lot for awhile," he said. "But things were going pretty good. I still had some minor surgeries to shape the fingers and make them look decent."

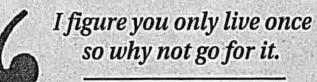
In October of 1998, reconstruction on Nick's nose started. Overall, he had undergone over 30 operations to that point.

Nick's last operation, the tenth on his nose, was a little over a month ago. He plans on going back for another next fall.

That is, when racing season is over.

"I figure you only live once so why not go for it," said Sheridan. "And I always wanted my own car, so I jumped in and bought one last year."

In his first year of competing in the mini-sprints, mostly at



NICK SHERIDAN Motivated and inspirational

Wilmot, Nick raced in six events, his best finish being third.

"The first year I was basically learning how to set up the car," he said. "I was off on a lot of things but got tremendous help from everyone."

Speaking of help, sponsors had a lot to do with Nick's racing. Aware of his condition, many volunteered to help out.

Normally 5 feet, 9 inches tall, James Spielmann of Hanger Prosthetics made Nick a set of racing legs so that he could fit into the car.

"The racing legs make me about five-foot five. I can fit into the car better and get to the steering wheel," said Sheridan.

Other sponsors fulfilling Nick's dream of racing included Lenny and Rob Steffen of Liberty Die and Mold, based in Round Lake.

"They made a quick release socket on my steering wheel so that I could drive," said Sheridan.

Tom Hurly of Tom's Auto Body in Ingleside painted the body panels of his car and Bruce Carpenter of Express Welding in Antioch helped with the welding and fabrication. **Kevin Summers of Summers Portable** Toilets in McHenry helped out with costs for the year.

"I thought I'd never have the chance to race again. But my wiseguy attitude and support from family and friends helped keep me positive," said Sheridan.

"It's truly remarkable," said 🔹 Wilmot track owner and promoter Andy Calin. "We gave Nick and his mother season passes in 1997 and since then he's always wanted to race here. Whatever we could do to support him."

"He's an inspiration to all of us," added Wilmot Speedway announcer Mike Babicz. "He's living proof that you can overcome just about any obstacle. It's evidence that you don't have to cross the finish line first to be a winner."

This year, Sheridan plans on a full racing schedule, venues that will include Wilmot, Chilton and Angel Park Speedway in Madison, to name a few.

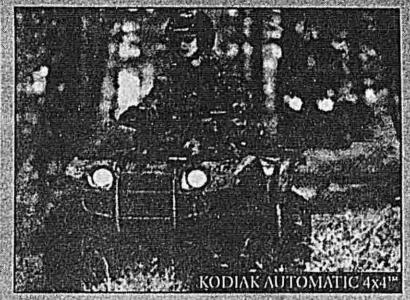


And following the season, he'll return to St. Joseph's hospital to continue reconstruction of his nose.

"It's been about 10 operations (over the last two years) so far," he said. "I think it looks okay but I'm picky."

In Nick's story, found on the Internet at www.musa.org, Sheridan's doctor called him "one of the most motivated guys you can imagine."

Oh, and don't worry Nick, you have every right to be picky.



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Born-leader



Maru Tomusiak,
Executive Director
of Mano-A-Mano,
finds that no
challenge is too
daunting

Mano-A-Mano Executive Director Maru Tomusiak, left, lends a helping hand to those who need assistance making the transition to life in the U.S. Having been born in Mexico, Tomusiak knows first-hand how difficult such a change can be. At one point she almost gave up on her dreams in this country, but instead heeded the advice of her father, who always encouraged her to be the best she could possibly be.

he can't be five feet tall, and probably weighs less than 100 pounds, but Maru Tomusiak has a huge heart of gold.

Yet unlike the value of gold, which increases only a little each day, the value of this special lady rises by the minute.

Appointed by Round Lake Park Mayor Ila Bauer to be the executive director of the new Mano-A-Mano Family Resource Center on August 16, 2000, and told to have the center open in one month, she had a major challenge on her hands.

When she first walked into the building, it was vacant, had no electricity, no people and no volunteers. But Tomusiak took the bull by the horns and the center had its inauguration on September 16, exactly what Mayor Bauer wanted.

The mission of the center is to provide resources to improve the quality of living in a culturally diverse Round Lake area.

Since the inauguration, Tomusiak has implemented several educational programs, such as: English as a Second Language, Employment Placement, GED Program, Job Readiness, Homework Helper, and a Referral Program to other social service organizations in Lake County. Daycare for children is provided during the programs.

The center also offers other programs like voter registration and health-related workshops. Under Tomusiak's leadership they have helped over 400 families since opening the doors in September.

Tomusiak was born into a conservative family in a small town in the state of Guerrero, Mexico. She said that her grandmother was a great woman who ran the big ranch that they lived on. Her grandfather was more of a musician who liked to write songs. Maru's father was the seventh child of eleven. When his mother died, he left home for Mexico City to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer. Thus, he was the first in his family to break the tradition of being a rancher.

Maru's mother died when she was two-years-old, and though it broke her father's heart, he sent her to be raised by his sister. Her aunt was a strong-willed woman who raised her with strict discipline and lots of love and kindness.

From the very beginning of her childhood, Tomusiak was strong-willed and energetic. She recalls that when she was four-years-old, she would tell stories to anyone willing to lis-

By Jeff Zachary

ten. Even adults would come and listen to her speak.

"From her earliest days, her father would always tell her, you are not mediocre, "You will be the best that you can be."

His advice paid off. In her first three years of school she was the most advanced student in her class, and learned to read and write long before the other kids did.

Since the age of six she participated in the civic ceremonies at school, always being on stage either reciting, dancing or being the master of ceremonies.

Tomusiak recalls being ten-years-old and organizing a program for a Teachers' Appreciation Day. She went to each of the classes when the teachers were not present and convinced the students to prepare either the recitation of a poem, a dance or a song for them to perform at the program.

Because it was a surprise, she had her classmates come to her house for about a month to rehearse. On the Teachers' Appreciation Day she told the principal about what she had prepared and he gladly let the children perform. All the teachers were impressed at how well-organized and prepared the students were.

At 17, she started working as a teaching assistant, got married at 20, had her first child at 21, and the second at 23. She was a devoted mother and wife, but unfortunately as she was doing better at her career of teaching English as a second language, her marriage deteriorated and she got divorced.

Soon after that she applied at a prestigious private school to teach English. She passed all the tests about reading comprehension, auditory comprehension, written structure and teaching methodology, but failed the oral proficiency test. It was then that she decided to come to this country to get involved with those fluent in the English language to acquire the language proficiency she needed.

After consulting with her children and family, her parents agreed to take care of the children, and she came to the U.S leaving behind her beloved country, children, parents, friends and everything that was so profoundly dear to her.

"I came to this country with very definite objectives and I was determined to accomplish them. I set, as goals, to accomplish an excellent command of the English language and take as many courses as I could. I planned to stay only two years. As soon as I arrived I started taking classes at Wright College six days a week for one whole year. After running low on money I started to work as a waitress in an Italian restaurant. While working at that restaurant, I used to feel very depressed and undervalued. I couldn't believe that after having studied for so many years to acquire a teaching degree that I was waiting on tables. I used to cry every night feeling very lonely and heartsick."

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Tomusiak

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Tired of working as a waitress she applied and got hired in an electronics factory. She had saved enough money to go back to Mexico but she had a car accident which wiped out her savings.

All was not bad though, because she met the man who

would later become her husband.

He proposed, and she remembers that as one of the happiest days she had in a long time. They immediately applied for her and a child's adjustment of immigration status.

She recalls that the immigration people were the rudest people she had ever met. Tomusiak received her "green card" two years later and the child's three years later. "It seemed like an eternity," she recalled. "Thank God it's over."

Around that time she got a job as a bilingual kindergarten teacher for the Round Lake Area School Dist. She worked at that level for two years and really loved working with the children. It was at this time that the students' parents would come to her requesting information on how to get medical assistance, legal assistance or help with translation. Sometimes she felt frustrated because she couldn't help them.

Pretty soon though she heard about a very interesting project. It was a "Latino Center" that the Village of Round Lake Park was putting together. As time went along, she learned more about the center, and heard that the director had resigned and that they were looking for a new one.

She applied for the job, and Mayor Bauer hired her.

Ever since then she has been working on planning, organizing, and implementing all the different programs that are offered at the center. I came to this country with very definite objectives and I was determined to accomplish them.

MARU TOMUSIAK Executive Director of Mano-A-Mano

"I love my new job," Tomusiak said. "I love it mainly because now I feel empowered to actually help people. Since I have been in their shoes, I actually can understand the struggles they go through. As an immigrant myself I can relate to their way of feeling and viewing things. I feel very compelled by the desire to help others get adapted and integrated to the community, I would like to see them become more productive individuals and have jobs that are suitable to their capabilities. I would like to see them improve their education and better their lives. I would like to see children become successful regardless of their ethnic backgrounds."

"When I was a child my father told me to be the best that I can be. When I was a teacher, I always told my kindergarten students to reach for the best, you can do it. I would like everyone to actually believe that they can do it. Because they really can."

Whether she realizes it or not, Maru Tomuslak is living exactly what she preaches. By never giving up on her hopes and dreams, she not only has made a difference in her own life, but in the lives and hearts of countless others as well.





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y early dream in life was to live to the year 2000. I wanted to see the numbers turn over in the year 2000. Now that I'm here, I want to see my 50th wedding anniversary, and between now and then, I'll think of something else so that I just won't lay down and die after that," shared R.K. "Bob" Wegge with a laugh.

This man always has something going on. Busy with civic groups and veterans' organizations, Wegge keeps going by filling his retirement with projects. "Something new always turns up. I used to think that soon as the year 2000 came, then I could wrap it all up and say, 'You know, I've had a good life and there's nothing left.' But there's always something that

By Michelle Habrych

comes up. I've got some things in mind that are gonna happen, but one thing at a time. There's no use hurrying this thing because the longer I have these projects, the longer I'll have to work on them," he continued with a smile.

Grayslake area residents are familiar with Wegge in numerous settings, most notably this past year as the champion of the Grayslake Veterans Millennium Memorial, set to be dedicated Memorial Day. This Korean War vet saw other area towns building theirs and thought Grayslake should have its own memorial for its veterans, which Wegge affectionately refers to as the "sons of the Village of Grayslake."

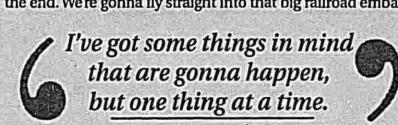
Most of the veterans came from World War II, explained Wegge, noting that those veterans are now dying at a rate of more than 1,000 a day. "I just felt that we should have a memorial, and we should have it so that those who are left can still see that, you know, that the country – or at least the community – supports them and remembers what they did," he said.

Wegge was drafted into the U.S. Army on Sept. 23, 1950. "I was ready to go into the service," he said. "I had wandered around and life was getting too boring, too calm. My friends were getting married, and I wasn't married. And when the draft notice came, well it was a new challenge to me."

As a young soldier, he saw a lot of the country before being stationed in Korea for the war where he was an intelligence officer. He recalled some of his experiences overseas.

"I had one very hairy experience over there," Wegge said. He told of a time when the North Koreans were pushing into South Korea at the Battle of Anchor Hill. He was with a group delivering mail and tensions were high. Korean civilians and officers desired to leave the area before the North Koreans overran it. "I never saw so many people in my life on an airplane!"

The plane, which was overloaded with passengers, had a challenge ahead of it. There was a high mound of land where the railroad was extended and the plane had to fly over it. "We took off and I didn't think we were going to make it. I surely didn't think we'd get over that hump. We just kept rolling and rolling and rolling and rolling, and I thought, 'Oh Lord, this is the end. We're gonna fly straight into that big railroad embank-



Bob Wegge Community Advocate

ment there.' But he pulled it up at the last minute and I'll never forget. We went up and then it started to settle back down and I thought, 'Now we're gonna drop right into the sea.' But it hung in the air. It was a very, very frightening experience for me."

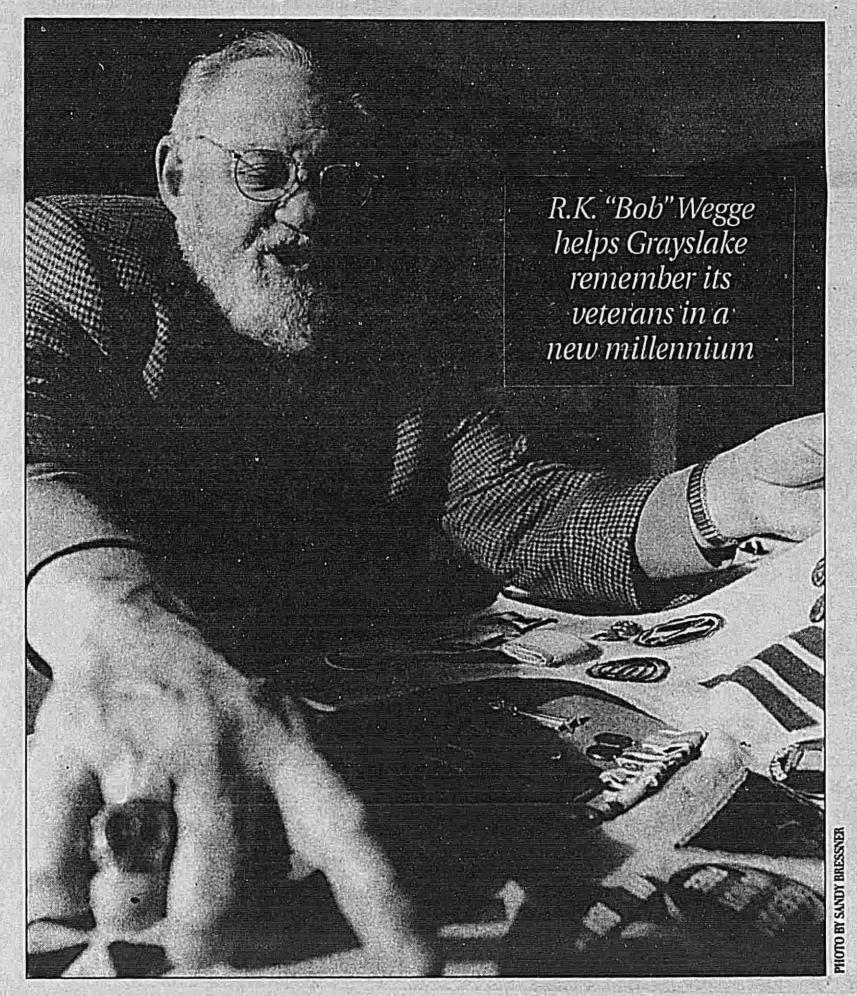
Over 30 years later, Wegge and his wife, Mary, revisited the area as part of a special vacation hosted by a Korean veterans association. During the trip, he was asked what his occupation was by military personnel. "I said, 'Well, I'm a CPA.' And he said, 'One moment.' And the next thing I see, he brings a soldier over with a gun," the newly retired certified public accountant recalled. "And he says, 'You come with us.' What's going on here? So Mary and I went. Dutifully we followed their instructions."

After waiting with the armed soldier, the officer returned laughing. "He says, 'You CPA?' I said, 'Yes.' He said, 'We think you CIA!"

Travel has been a major passion for the Wegges, now married 45 years, exploring South America and Russia in recent years. Mary will be planning the couple's next vacation, since she did not take the trip to Russia with her husband; he went with a friend. Bob said he has no specific future plans, but has a destination in mind. "I do have one more place I'd like to go, and I don't know if I'll get there this year or next year, and that's Tibet. I'd still like to go there. I like to go to these places that other people don't want to go to because you're treated very well. We were only in (a group of) seven on that trip to Russia, and boy, they treated us just like royalty all the way."

Another way he gets around is as a small airplane pilot. "I love to fly," Wegge said. He has been taking off from

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Wegge

Grayslake's Campbell Airport since 1968, having passed on his love of flying to both sons who are also pilots. The veteran first got a taste of flying in Korea while in the service. "I guess that's what kind of whet my appetite for coming back and learning to fly, except that then I had a wife and babies, so that postponed it for a few years," he laughed.

Family getaways were something made possible through Wegge's flying. "I used to take the boys up to Oshkosh to the big air show every year. We'd camp under the wing. You know, we'd fly in up there and then we'd put our tents over the wing and sleep under the wing," he remembered.

"I think that was the one thing that took the tension off of me during my business years. There's always pressure in that kind of business," Wegge said with a smile, noting examples of clients facing an audit or needing financial statements quickly. "Flying was like being a bird. You get out there and you can look down. And nobody can touch you, nobody can come near you, nobody can even communicate with you if you didn't want them to."

In the small planes, Wegge has flown around the Midwest, east to Cincinnati and west to Davenport. For long flights, though, he prefers flying commercially. "It gets tiresome sitting in a cramped, small airplane cockpit and flying for hours." Though he admits he feels more "in control" when flying the plane himself.

Having previously earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts, Wegge came home from the war and returned to school. He received his master's degree in agriculture economics, going to work in research for Kraft. Tiring of the corporate world, he decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and brother, opting to be self-employed. Robert K. Wegge Ltd., an accounting firm, opened in 1960.

"It was a good business to be in. Of course, there's a lot of tax work involved in accounting and the government keeps changing that, so it's an occupation that's constantly chang-



Bob Wegge of Grayslake, a former commander of the Grayslake VFW, in a photo from his service in the Korean War. Wegge is helping to coordinate the new veteran's memorial for the village. —Photo by Sandy Bressner

ing," Wegge noted. "Sometimes I have a feeling it's too bad that the tax code is so complicated 'cause' think that every citizen that has to pay taxes should be able to file his own tax return."

Since his retirement in 1995, he still has people ask him for help with their tax returns, but he said he only does one a year – his own. Wegge's daughter Linda took over the business as her own after his retirement. His sons also followed in his footsteps so-to-speak, with Kurt as a CPA and Mark a Naval Reserve commander.

The Wegges have lived in the Grayslake area for 34 years. The small-town feel is what Bob said he likes about the village. He has made many friends as an active member of the veterans' organizations and the Grayslake Exchange Club. Wegge works on many projects with the Exchange Club, having chaired the Lake County Fair ticket collections for five years. He said he is glad to have someone else to work on it for the next fair, since one can get "stale" if on the job too long.

The club also works to promote good works around the community with the annual presentation of the Book of Golden Deeds and monthly recognition of the students of the month. These type of programs are what Wegge said keep him a part of the group.

The veteran shared his views on the United States of America, teaching the youth about war and the country's future. "I think that we live in a society in the United States here that's just the greatest around the world. All you have to do is travel around the world to see the differences in our society and their society.

"Sure the veterans fought wars in order to preserve and to develop this society, but I don't think that we should dwell on those wars that we fought," he continued. "Children should know the history of our country, but they shouldn't be led to believe that they owe the veterans anything because they fought the wars. They fought the wars to preserve their country."

Wegge said he doesn't feel that the government owes him a lot, or even anything, for the service he put in during the Korean War. "I did what I had to do and that was the end of it. It's just like anything else in life-you do what you have to do," he stated.

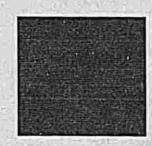
"Youth has no experience of the past. So youth looks forward and they say, 'Geez, man oh man, we could do better.'
You know, every generation has been able to make a better life from the past generation," Wegge said. "I'm exposed to some of the best students that we have [through Exchange Club and VFW], and I am not the least bit worried about the future of this country. When I see the students that are coming up as the student of the month, when I see these essays that the students write for the Voice of Democracy program in the VFW, when I see and hear what they have to say, I'm not worried about this country. We have brilliant students out there."

A member of the Veterans of Foreign War and the American Legion for the past 15 years, this project has become personal to Wegge. He has researched many of the Grayslake men killed in action so that their names may be included on the memorial. He is driven by a sense of urgency. "We've lost so many of our friends that this project has to get done before I go," he said with a laugh. "I love what I'm doing. I'm enjoying every minute of it. I'll probably be kind of sad when it's all over, but I'll find another project." With his attitude, there's no question that he will.



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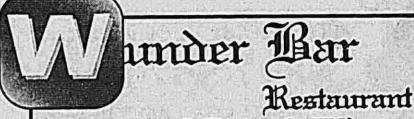
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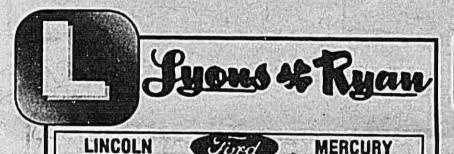


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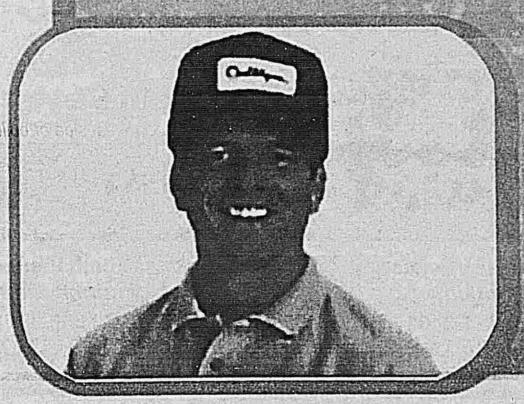
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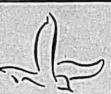
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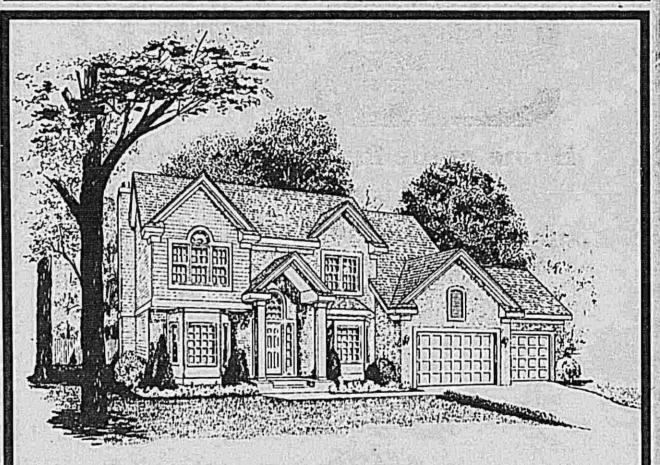
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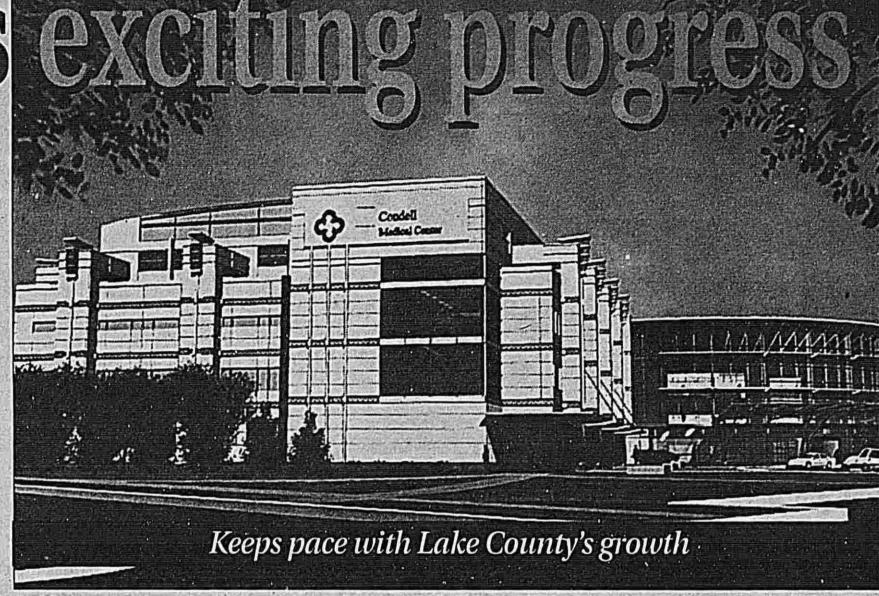
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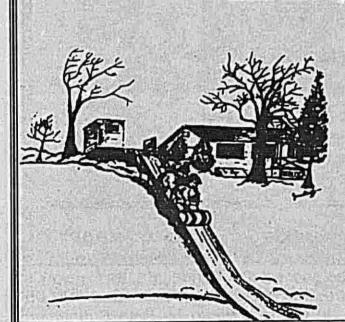
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Condell

for training emergency medical technicians and paramedics at seven area fire departments. That's progress.

Since its inception in September,
Condell Heart Center has been performing
life-saving angioplasty and open heart
surgery on Lake County residents who previously had to travel to distant Cook County
hospitals. When it comes to matters of the
heart, time is muscle. The time patients lost
in transit added additional risk to their
damaged heart muscles. The Condell team,
led by surgeon Philip Faraci, M.D., Medical
Director of the Heart Center, performs
angioplasties, coronary artery bypass, valve
repair and valve replacement operations.

Everything Condell does focuses on making the hospital a healing environment. To that end, its spectacular \$88 million expansion and renovation will include a dramatic entrance to a four-story atrium lobby, creating serene and peaceful waiting areas that overlook garden spaces.

The new facility will include an expanded 16-bed New Life Maternity Center; expanded nursery and Special Care Newborn Nursery; a Women's Center off the lobby; an expanded 15-bed Intensive and Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU) that will be adjacent to surgery; an expanded and consolidated Surgery-Recovery-Gastroenterology/Endoscopy Department with 11 operating rooms instead of the current five; and the Emergency Department will grow from 12 to 20 treatment rooms.

Even as the major expansion continues, Condell is offering more services. An addition is being built to house an on-campus MRI in the Radiology Department. That means more convenience for patients with the latest technology right on campus for doctors and staff. Radiology also is installing two new CT Scanners, again, the latest in technology.

Condell wants to keep people healthy. That's why it built Centre Club in Gurnee, which opened its doors at 5:00 a.m. on Jan. 4. The medically based 62,000-square-foot facility, like the 12-year-old, award-winning Centre Club in Libertyville, is one of the country's best for top-quality health and fitness programming.

Centre Clubs combine medical expertise with programming variety. Members also can take advantage of weight-management classes, behavior modification programs, physical therapy and cardiac rehabilitation services.

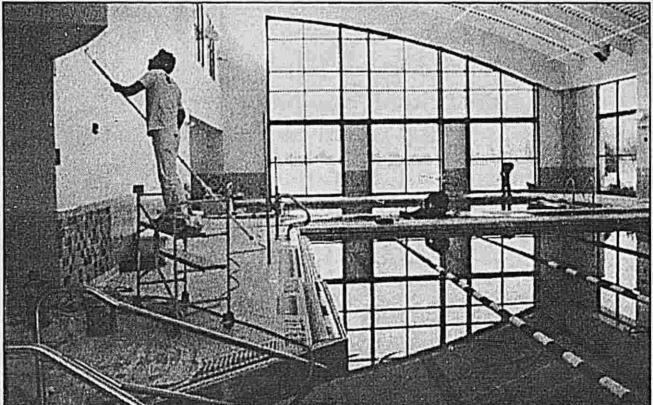
When a medical emergency arises and people call 911, they want and deserve the best-trained responders. As an Emergency Medical Services Resource Hospital, Condell is responsible for training and continuing education classes for paramedics and emergency medical technicians in seven Lake County Fire Departments: Countryside Fire Protection District, Grayslake Fire Dept., Lake Forest Fire Dept., Libertyville Fire Dept., Mundelein Fire Dept., Round Lake Fire Protection District and Wauconda Fire Dept.

"Condell is looking at us as true partners," said Chief Dave Dato of Wauconda. "It's a clear commitment by Condell."

Condell is in the community in other ways. Acute Care Centers in Buffalo Grove, Gurnee, Round Lake Beach and Vernon Hills are ready for emergencies. Many of Condell's doctors have offices in Medical Buildings in Grayslake, Lake Villa, Libertyville and Mundelein. Plan s are under way to expand the Grayslake facility and build a new Medical Building in Gurnee, on the Centre Club site.

The Condell Day Center for Intergenerational Care offers day care for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years and adults older than 55. Living Free — The Addiction Recovery Program is designed to treat chemical dependency on alcohol and drugs and the Condell Pediatric Rehabilitation Center — PACT — provides outpatient treatment for children with neuromuscular disorders.

Condell Medical Center is a member of Condell Health Network. Serving Lake County residents, Condell Health Network includes Condell Medical Center, Condell Acute Care Centers, Centre Clubs, the innovative Condell Day Center for Intergenerational Care, Pediatric Alternatives in Creative Therapy (PACT), Condell Medical Buildings and Condell Home Health Systems.



Workmen put some finishing touches on the pool area at Condell Health Network's new 62,000 square-foot, \$11 million Centre Club fitness complex located at 1405 Hunt Club Rd., just south of Grand Ave. in Gurnee.—Photo by Lynn Gunnarson Dahlstrom

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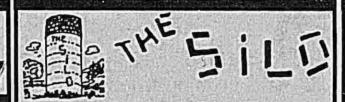
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Study of Lake County looks to the future

s part of the reapportionment process, which is required by law in conjunction with the U.S. Census, Lake County took an indepth look at its structure.

The country commissioned the University of Illinois at Chicago to study its organizational make-up and report potential areas where it can improve its leadership and efficiency.

The resulting report, "Modernizing Lake County Government," offers several suggestions for potential areas of change. The report is available online at www.uic.edu/cuppa/mpa. Among the proposed changes are:

• Reduce the size of the county board from 23 to 13 members

 Hold a countywide popular election for county board chair, to serve as the thirteenth member of the board

Change the status of the Recorder of Deeds and Coroner from elected to appointed offices.
 The full report, including the recommendations above, will undergo an in-depth analysis by the county's Financial and

Administrative Committee.

"The county has undergone this process twice before because we feel it is a valuable tool to make sure that we are working as efficiently as possible to be responsive to the needs of county residents," said Suzi Schmidt, Lake

Report recommends reducing size of board and holding countywide popular election for board chair

County Board Chair. Lake County government officials commissioned similar self-examination studies at the time of the 1980 and 1990 U.S. censuses. As a result of those studies, the county established the position of County Administrator, abolished the countywide elected position of County Auditor and went from 25 to 24 members in 1980 and from 24 to 23 members in 1990.

The county's Financial and Administrative Committee commissioned Professors L. Vaughn Blankenship, Ph.D. and James R. Thompson, Ph.D. to undertake the study. The professors specialize in public administrative studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago graduate program in public administration.

At the same time the Lake County Financial and Administrative Committee conducts its analysis of "Modernizing Lake County Government," the county board will appoint a reapportionment committee. The committee will undertake the task of realigning county board districts to reflect the population of Lake County as reported in the 2000 U.S. Census.

By July 1, the county board is required by statute to complete the reapportionment process. Also by July 1, the county board must make a decision on the recommendation that the board chair be elected by countywide election.

As of yet, there is no set timeline on when the county board will decide on the report's other recommendations. If the board decides it would like to eliminate the offices of current elected positions, Coroner and Recorder of Deeds, the final decision will be left up to the voters via referendum.



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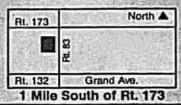
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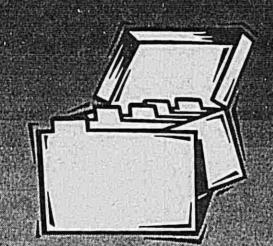
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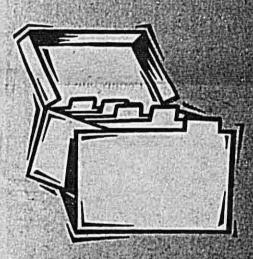
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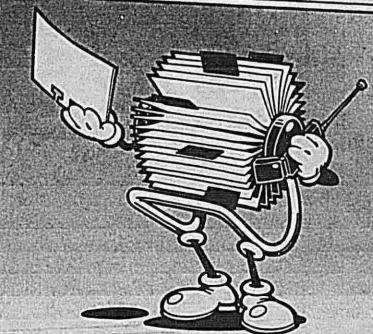
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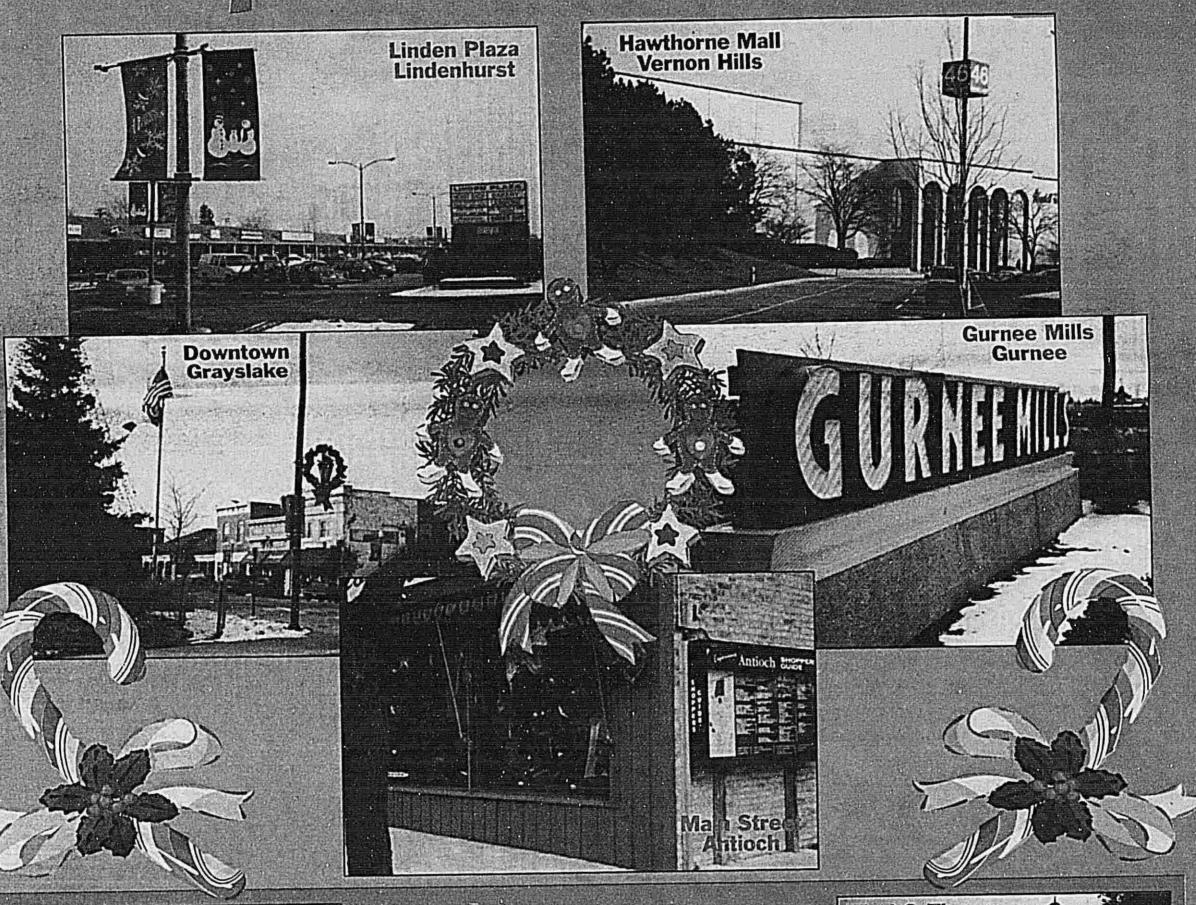
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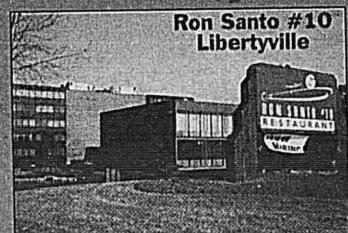
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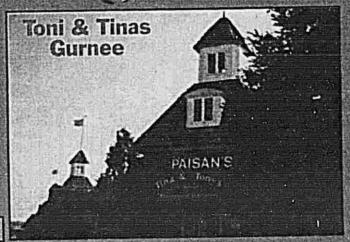


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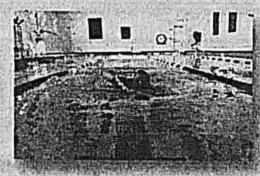


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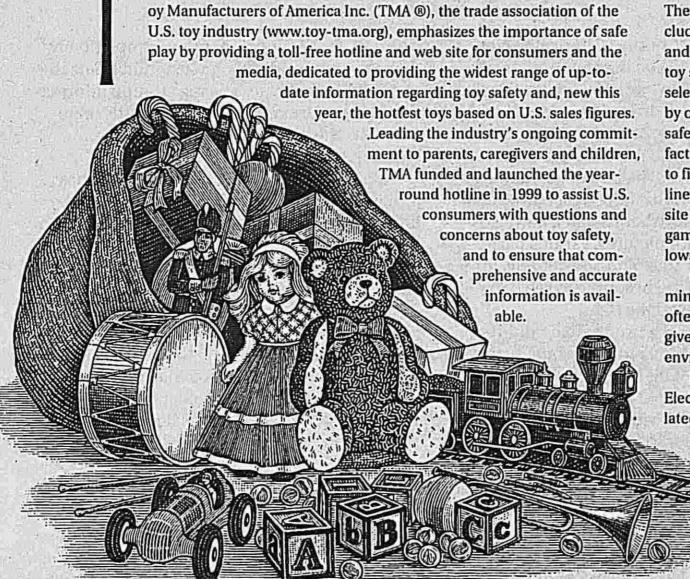
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The newest feature on the (877) 4TOY-SAFETY hotline is a list of hot toys, including the name of the toy, the manufacturer's name and phone number and the suggested retail price; the list will be updated monthly based on U.S. toy sales data. Other menu options include general tips on toy safety, how to select and maintain safe toys and lists of allegedly hazardous toys publicized by other organizations. Instructions on how to order free brochures on toy safety, resources for toy safety information and toy testing criteria for manufacturers will also be available. Web site users can use a site search function to find specific or additional information not available on the toll-free hotline. From www.toyhotline.org, users can link to other sections of the TMA site to find specific toys by trade name and links to manufacturers, on-line games and the more comprehensive information that the Internet format allows.

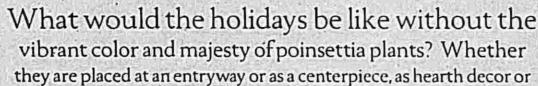
Stressing that toy manufacturers are also parents, the association is determined to make this holiday season the safest ever by making important and often-overlooked safety information widely available to parents and caregivers – free of charge. These services provide an easy, accessible and positive environment for adults to obtain vital information to ensure safe play.

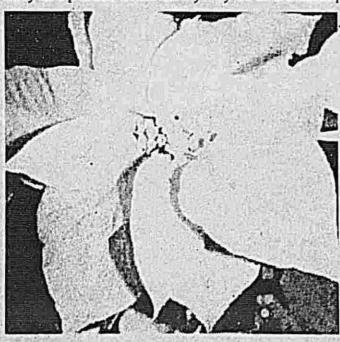
Based on the study of product-associated injury data by the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), TMA believes nearly all toy-related injuries could be avoided. Therefore, the association cannot be more emphatic in urging parents, caregivers and children to follow the tips

available through this hotline, as well as the instructions included with the toys.

The Toy Safety Hotline phone number is 1(877) 4TOY-SAFETY (486-9723), and the web sites are www.toyhotline.org and www.toy-tma.org (click on "4TOY SAFETY").

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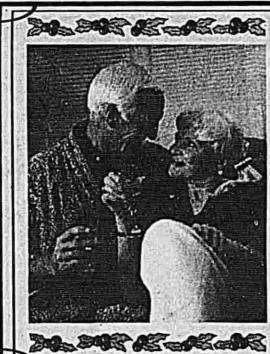
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Beginning gardeners will learn practical horticultural skills and gain gardening confidence by taking part in one of the many short courses ranging in topics from plant materials to botanical arts. More advanced gardeners and professionals have the opportunity to expand their gardening and natural studies skills by participation in one of the Certificate and the Midwest Gardening Certificate

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Family web sites make great holiday gifts



ith the holidays right around the corner, you are probably looking for the perfect gifts. But often it gets harder each year to buy for some people in the family, especially those who already have every gadget they could need or want.

So why not consider a gift that everyone in the family can enjoy, like a family Internet domain?

In today's technological world, people are connecting online more and more—so much that web sites actually help distant family members and friends keep in touch. People can log on to their family web sites and then see

what's going on with far away loved ones.

The trend is becoming so popular that people now can share their wedding plans, babies, new pets and all kinds of holiday celebrations by posting photos and journals on their web sites.

If you don't have a family Internet domain yet, you'd better get one, the most important part of a web site is its Internet domain name—and those are running out fast.

Similar to how your house address indicates where you live in the world, a domain name indicates where your computer's location is on the Internet.

At least 98 percent of words in the Webster's Dictionary already are registered as Internet domain names so you may need help finding one. While searching, it's important to remember to register your domain name through an Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers-accredited registrar, such as Registrars.com.

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After you get your domain name, you'll be able to create your family web site—just in time for the holidays. These days even basic computer programs include software to create a web page. but if you need any assistance buying software, Registrars.com can help you with that, too.

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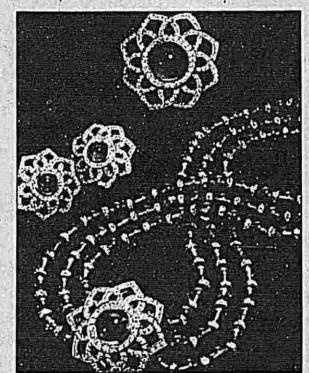
Holiday 2000 Jewelry Trends

ine jewelry is one of the fastest-growing retail segments today, due to a booming economy and record high consumer confidence. Total U.S. jewelry sales in 1999 were \$42.9 billion, up approximately 9% over 1998, according to the Jewelry Information Center, a non-profit trade association based in New York City. Fashion forecaster David Wolfe of The Doneger Group states, "Jewelry is now so important it's become as big a statement as clothes." The trends for fall and holiday comprise a broad and sparkling spectrum of the excitement in fine jewelry design today:

 Warming Trend.
 Now that the new millennium is actually here, the stark,
 high-tech "white wave" has been joined by the warmth and richness found in vibrant gemstones-including colored diamonds -and in rediscovered rose and vellow gold. Last year's icy apparel tones are warming to shades of apples, gourds, and autumn leaves, and fashionable necks, wrists, and fingers will be flaunting citrine, golden beryl, topaz, fire opal, amber, coral, carnelian, rhodolite garnet, mandarin garnet, and spessartite, commonly known as "pumpkin" garnet. Also, look for the warm glow of golden and bronze cultured pearls as well as yellow/orange Tahitian pearls.

More is More.

In this period of unprecedented dot.com prosperity, people are living life on a grand scale—and wearing the jewelry to match. Today's jewelry customers are proving that "too much of a good thing can be wonderful," as Mae West once said. "To celebrate the official demise of minimalism, people are treating themselves to the bold drama of large scale cocktail rings, wide cuffs, dangling chandelier earrings, large hoops, and multiple strands of everything from big, tumbled aquamarines to layered serpentine chains of platinum and gold," says Lynn Ramsey, president of the Jewelry Information Center. Also, look for multi-strand pearl collars, torsades of colored gemstones beads such as ink tourmaline and citrine, as well as pearls mixed with colored gemstones and diamonds.



Here's to the Ladies who Lunch.

The lady like, "uptown girl" is definitely one to emulate, with proper tweed suits and feminine silhouettes showing up in many designers' fall collections. David Wolfe says, "Ladies like jewelry—real jewelry—the kind of stuff that turns heads." Of course this "old money" look begs for the patina of platinum and pearls, and many will put a fresh spin on traditional pearly white with golden cultured South Sea pearls as well as peacock green and jet black Tahitians. Large brooches appeared on the fall runways, often in unexpectedly sensual places such as the curve of the waist, to avoid a matronly look. Look for ultra-feminine gemstones in pinks and blues (chalcedony, aquamarine, and blue topaz in particular), set in platinum. Also, look for more matching suites as well as that perennial classic, which, in our new, dressed up state of mind, is no longer the tennis bracelet, but the "diamond line bracelet."

World Mix.

Ethnic influences create some of the freshest, most unexpected textures and shapes in the spectrum of fine jewelry today. Crossing cultural borders to swipe ethnic looks such as coral and Native American turquoise and then mixing them with traditional fine jewelry material such as Tahitian baroque grey cultured pearls creates a look of freshness and elegance. High karat gold stands out, often with textural interest such as weaving or granulation, influenced by wide African tribal collars and intricate South Asian Indian jewelry such as Cynthia Bach's ornate gold ensemble that Cate Blanchett wore to the Academy Awards. There is a lot of motion in this ethnic influenced fine jewelry, with pieces that sway, jingle, and dance in the light. Look for intricate colored gemstone bibs, with ruffled or fringed edges, drop earrings, large hoops with tiny cultured pearl or gemstone drops, lariats with sliding clasps and tassels that snake down into cleavage; even bracelets and ankle bracelets tinkle with miniature bells and beaded fringe.



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hen racking their brains for last-minute gift ideas, a growing number of people are discovering a virtual treasure trove of thoughtful, practical presents in a place you may not have thought of: The post office.

The United States Postal Service offers a number of delightful prod-

ucts that can be used as stocking stuffers, tips for the newspaper carrier even fun, active gifts for children. Possibilities include:

 Stamps—Everyone needs and uses them. Plus, with the multitude of themes and designs, it's easy to match recipients with subject matter. Call 1-800-STAMP-24 to order.

 Books—For the seasoned philatelist or novice collector, consider such stamp-themed titles as The 2000 Commemorative Stamp Yearbook, illustrating the stamps of the past year and the stories behind them, and An American Postal Portrait: A Photographic Legacy, which provides a photo-journalistic retrospective celebrating behind-the-

scenes postal stories from the early 1800s and the people who delivered the mail. Money Orders—More versatile than a gift certificate, Postal Money Orders are safe and secure. Purchase any amount up to \$700, with just an 80 cent fee.

· First Class Phonecards—Great gifts for college students, grandparents and small business owners, featuring unique stamp art for collectors. Buy two 60-minute cards and get the third one free. A limited-edition, 30-minute Whoville card is also available.

•Stationery and Ornaments-Imagery characteristic of, and items seen in, the popular holiday movie Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." A light-up ornament features the Grinch. There's also a Whoville Activity Kit for children. Post offices also sell themed computer paper, note cards, greeting cards, wrapping paper and labels.

·Busy shoppers can go on-line to the Postal Store at www.usps.com any time to buy stamps and philatelic collectibles. First-class Phonecards, stationery and exciting USPS Pro Cycling Team gear.

Stamps and other postal products can be purchased at post offices, by phone or on the Postal Service Web site, www.usps.com.

The gift of reading

As part of the promotion with Universal Studios and an ongoing commitment to literacy, the Postal Service is partnering with First Book, a national non-profit organization with a mission to give disadvantaged children the opportunity to read and own new books. Post offices will display posters encouraging customers to send a child a book this "Wholiday" season.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.firstbook.org or write to: First Book, 1319 F St., N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Food in the mail—is it safe?

Surprise! You don't have to cook dinner tonight. No, it's not a pizza delivery. There's a gift package of food at your front door. Maybe it's smoked turkey or a ham from a friend. "Keep Refrigerated," the box reads. Un, oh. It's been sitting in the

sun. When did it arrive?" Is it safe to eat?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Meat and Poultry Hotline cautions that the food gift you receive or send could give you an unwanted "surprise"foodborne illness-if it is not delivered promptly and handled properly. Mail order food companies take steps to produce a safe, high quality product and to maintain the safety and quality during shipping. "So it is important for consumers to handle the product safely once the perishable items are received," says Susan Conley, director of the Food Safety Education of the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

There's a lot of sending going on. The Direct marketing Association (DMA) says Americans this year will spend more than \$6 billion on food purchases by mail. "Catalogues and Web sites are convenient for holiday gift-giving since you can place the order, and have it delivered with just one phone call or online order," says Amy Blankenship, director of The DMA's Shop-At-Home Information Center.

When receiving or sending meat, poultry or other perishable foods, they should be shipped in an insulated box packed with frozen gel packs or dry ice.

"Keep Refrigerated" should be on the package. Even if a product is smoked, cured and/or fully cooked, it is still perishable and must be kept cold. Homemade food gifts are often sent by mail during the holidays. Perishable foods should be shipped frozen with frozen gel packs or dry ice. Ideally the box should be wrapped in two layers of brown paper and mailed by the fastest shipping method possible.

For more information about the safety of food in the mail, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline toll free at 1-800-535-4555 or TTY-800-256-7072, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

For sources of reputable catalog and Internet food retailers, check the DMA's consumer Web site at www.shopthenet.org.



Where to find holiday bargains online

By Katherine Egan, for News USA

nce again, the holiday season is on its way. And I am determined to get started on my gift shopping early to beat the crowds and to overcome my own tendency to wait until the last minute.

Plus, this year my husband and I will spend Christmas with his family in Virginia. That means I have to find

a way to get presents to my family that will be celebrating Christmas with my grandmother in Pecos, Texas.

As I discovered last year, the easiest thing to do is to buy my gifts online and have them gift wrapped and shipped directly to Pecos. The only problem is finding the Web sites that have the best gifts and the best prices.

When looking for bargains, the first place to look is www.whats4free.com. This site is updated daily with the latest free offers available on the Internet. For example, the site tells you who is offering free shipping with purchases and what online shops are providing free gifts with purchases. Whats4free.com also links you directly to the offer site so you don't have to waste your time with search engines.

Another great place to look for bargains is www.Mall.com. Just click on the site's "specials" section to see a list of who is offering special discounts that day. On the day I looked, the Gap was offering a \$20 gift card for every purchase over \$100 and Petopia was offering \$15 off purchases over \$45.

While those sites all offer great discounts, if you're looking for just a great shopping site, the place to look is www.shopthenet.org, which is run by the Direct Marketing Association (The DMA).

The only negative about this site is that to buy something from more than one store, you have to enter your credit card information every time. However, the good part is that it has links to the best online catalogs and also offers tips on smart catalog and online shopping. In addition, consumers who shop from companies listed on www.shopthenet.org have the assurance that the companies adhere to the ethical guidelines of The DMA.

National survey says everyone gets massive debt

mericans plan to spend 45 percent more on holiday shopping than they did last year, according to the Second Annual Holiday Survey by Myvesta.org, formerly Debt Counselors of America. The average holiday shopper will spend \$1.220 in 2000, up from \$841 in 1999. One in ten shoppers will spend more than \$1,500.

In addition, Americans' credit card balances have increased by 60 percent. Myvesta.org's nationwide telephone survey asked 1,000 respondents how much debt they carry on all of their credit cards, including major bank, retail, gas and other cards. Americans' average credit card debt increased from \$1,751 in 1999 to \$2,814 in 2000.

"People's appetite for credit made a big leap forward in the past year," said Mike Kidwell, vice president and co-founder of the nonprofit Myvesta.org. "It's not surprising after another year of economic enthusiasm. Until we experience a major economic downturn, people will continue to push their credit limits to the sky."

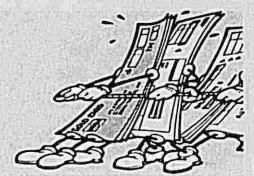
Myvesta.org offers the following credit tips for a happy holiday season and an even happier New Year:

•Carry only two cards when shopping. Use one with a zero balance for purchases you will pay off in full. Use the other, low-interest-rate card for purchases you will pay off over time.

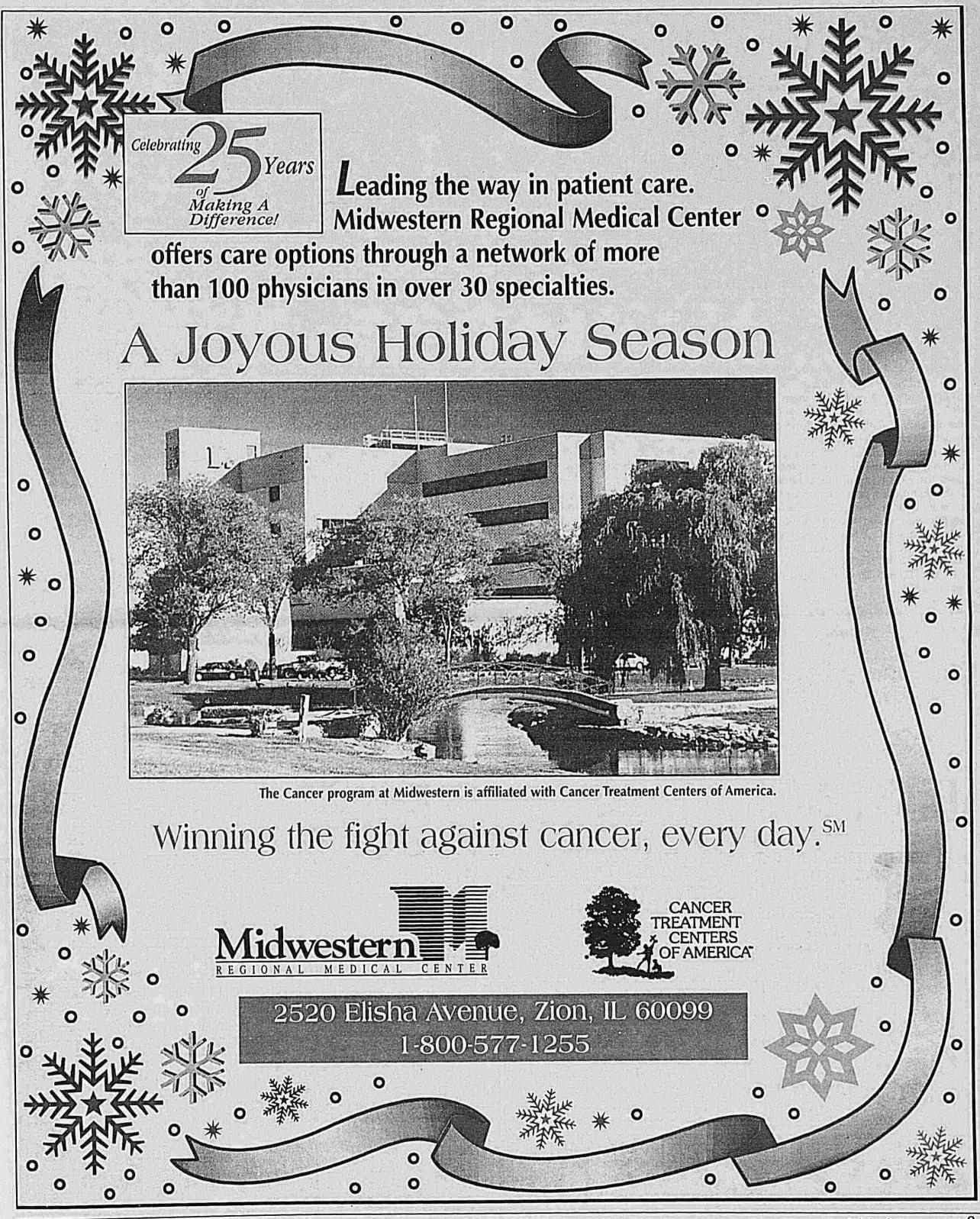
•Record all of your purchases in your checkbook register. Even if you don't write a check, subtract the amount of the purchase. That way, when the bill arrives, the money will be in your checking account to pay the bill in full.

 Avoid "skip payment" offers that cause you to pay more interest and face larger bills.









Holiday happenings at

Come Home to the Holidays at Navy Pier through - January I

The magic of the holidays comes alive at Navy Pier with special holiday programming and festivities through January 1. The Pier's 2000 holiday lineup offers something for everyone, including sleigh rides on Dock Street, outdoor free ice skating, live holiday music, visits and photos with Santa, a special holiday Kid's Craft Corner, the Pier's holiday penguin mascots, Clyde and Montague, and continuous free family entertainment.

Dinofest through - January 7 ·

The world's fair of dinosaurs comes to Navy Pier's Festival Hall through January 7. Featuring almost 170,000 square feet of exhibits, Dinofest will showcase the largest collection of dinosaurs, fossils, eggs, amber and dinosaur artifacts. Exhibit highlights include interactive displays, three giant sauropods, robotic fleshed dinosaurs, presentations by leading paleontologists and a Kid's Corner Dig Site. Admission prices range from \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$10 for children. Group rates are available by calling the Navy Pier Group Sales Department at (312) 595-5200 during normal business hours.

Rock N Roll Ball
December 31

Adults looking for a rockin' way to ring in the Millennium will find just that in the Grand Ballroom as the Pier hosts the Annual New Year's Eve "Rock n Roll Ball." Special guest bands – including a top-name headline act – will be announced. For tickets and information, call (312) 836-5900.

New Year's Eve Celebration -December 31

Navy Pier is the place to be on New Year's Eve as the Pier presents a spectacular fireworks show and giant Ferris wheel countdown choreographed to a New Year's Eve soundtrack. Visitors of all ages are invited to join the Pier in welcoming the year 2001 while enjoying some of the best entertainment around.

Crystal Countdown -December 31

Phil Stefani Restaurants will once again host the "Crystal Countdown" in the glass-enclosed Crystal Gardens. Featuring big band dancing, the "Crystal Countdown" continues to be a Chicago favorite for celebrating the New Year. Information and tickets are available by calling (312) 595-5441.

Events around the area

ernon Hills promises holiday magic with the "Winter Wonderland Holiday Light Show" at the Cuneo Museum and Gardens.
The Holiday Light Show creates a fairy tale-like setting with millions of twinkling lights and animated light displays through Jan. 2. Children of all ages will be immersed in fantasy with displays that bring storybooks characters to life. The towering Christmas tree and seasonal foliage and flowers at the Cuneo Museum and Gardens will make a holiday-lover out of any Scrooge.

Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo welcomes the season with its Annual ZooLights Festival through Jan. 7. Enchanting displays of polar bears, penguins, lions, rhinos, giraffes, elephants and more come to life as Penny the Penguin flips the switch to illuminate the animals. This year's festival features a variety of family activities including a gingerbread house display, holiday crafts and rides on the children's train.

The Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe will be wrapped in holiday cheer as "Celebrations! A Festival of Lights and Flowers" blooms through Dec. 31. Inside, festival-goers can enjoy strolling carolers, ice sculptures, storytelling and the magnificent indoor gardens, including the area's biggest display of poinsettias. Outside, explore more than a half-million lights and decorated trees on a carriage ride through the grounds.

Historic Long Grove takes on an old-

fashioned charm during the "Countryside Christmas" festival through Dec. 31. Carolers singing the season's favorites and Victorian buildings glittering with thousands of lights enhance the holiday atmosphere, while visitors stroll past dozens of antique and specialty shops. To heighten the holiday spirit, take a picture-perfect horse-and-carriage ride through a covered bridge, and see Father Christmas and check on his reindeer.

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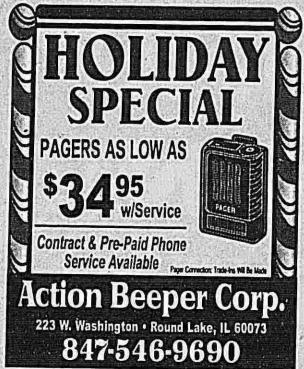
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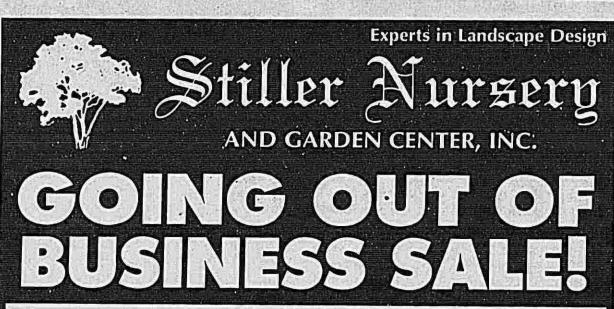
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he holiday season is upon us. While you ponder what gifts to give your loved ones, we urge you to take a few moments to think of those less fortunate and those in need of the most basic elements of life.

There are many local and regional groups in the area that rely on the kindness of the community to help others and many are in desperate need of assistance.

Following is a list of organizations, both local and national, that accept donations of money and goods or that require volunteers to accomplish their goals. The groups vary in purpose and in their levels of need. Contact information is provided so that readers can call or write for more information.

Please note that we have gathered this information from various sources and cannot guarantee the integrity of each organization. You are urged to learn as much as you can about each agency before deciding to donate funds. Lakeland Media does not accept liability for any misleading information that may have been provided.

The Volunteer Center-**Northwest Suburban Chicago**

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www.northstarnet.org/ahkhome/ahrsvp/in dex.html

The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago is a small non-profit ser-

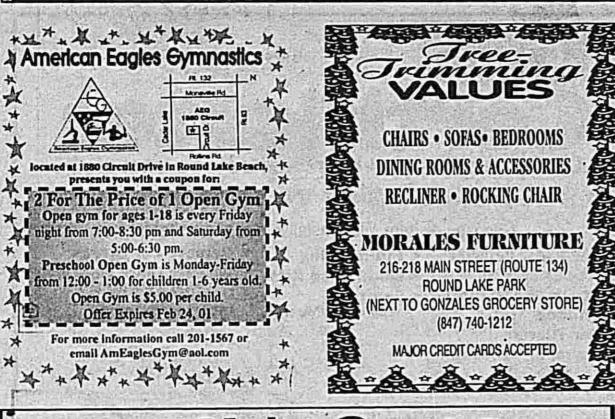
vice agency whose primary task is to promote and enable volunteer-



ing in order to increase the quantity, quality and accessibility of community services and citizen involvement.

Every non-profit organization relies on volunteers to assist in the development and expansion of their services. Interested and concerned community members have valid needs to share, to help and to serve. The Volunteer Center carefully matches the time, talents, interest and ideas of those individuals with a wide variety of needs in local social service agencies and schools.

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To discover some of the many local opportunities for volunteering, visit www.northstarnet.org/ahkhome/ahrsvp/s ubvops.htm.

Sierra Club **Woods & Wetlands Group** Serving Northeast Illinois

Phone: (847) 680-6437 Web:

www.sierraclub.org/chapters/il/w&w/

The Woods and Wetlands group of the Sierra Club promotes enjoyment and pro-



tection of the local, state, and national environment in the northeast Illinois region. The group includes 2000 Sierra Club members in Lake and Northeastern Cook counties.

The local group is run entirely by local volunteers. Please donate your time and talent to help promote the protection and enjoyment of our local environment. To volunteer, or find out more, visit the web site or call the number listed above.

Public Meetings of the Woods and Wet-

lands group of the Sierra Club are usually held at the Vernon Hills Village Hall.

It is located in Vernon Hills, at 290 Evergreen, just off of Half Day Rd. (Rt. 45) between Rt. 21 and Rt. 83. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of most months, at 7:15 p.m., and are open to the public.

A Safe Place, Lake County **Crisis Center**

P.O. Box 1067 Waukegan, IL 60079 Phone: (847) 249-5147

24-hour crisis line: (847) 249-4450

A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center offers free support groups in Lake County for women who are victims of physical, emotional or psychological abuse. A Safe Place provides short term shelter for women and their children and men who are victims of domestic violence. Services include counseling, assertiveness training and parenting groups. Spanish speaking staff available.

Individuals interested in volunteering in any of the comprehensive programs offered by the nonprofit agency can attend day-long training sessions that will be held January 22, 25, 26, 29 and February 1 of 2001.

Volunteers are vital to every program

that A Safe Place offers, from staffing the crisis line to assisting victims of domestic violence obtain orders of protection at the Lake County Courthouse. Volunteers co-facilitate counseling groups and mentor preschoolers. They also assist prevention education staffers in presenting programs at middle and high schools and further disseminate information [

about domestic violence VI Safe Place and the services offered by A Safe Place through the agency's Speakers' Bureau.

To find out how you can help or for more information about the training program, call Marsha Ross, Coordinator of Volunteers, at the number provided above.

Salvation Army

Regional Office 5040 N. Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60630

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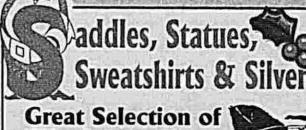


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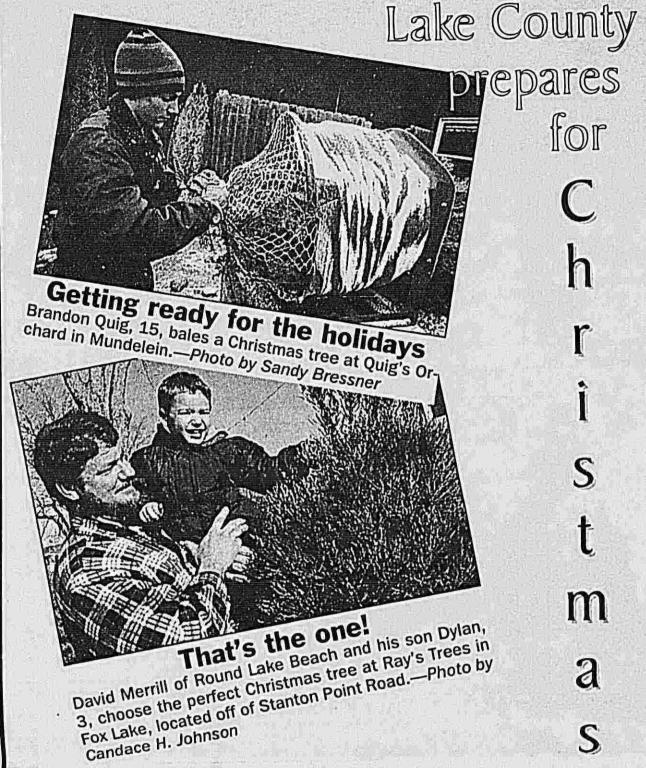
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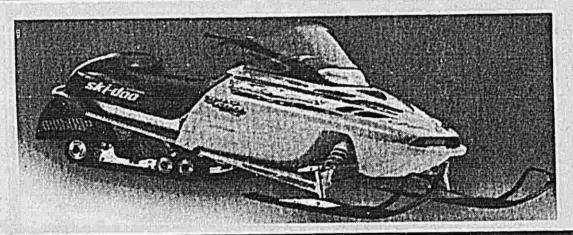
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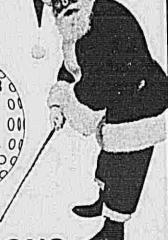


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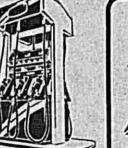
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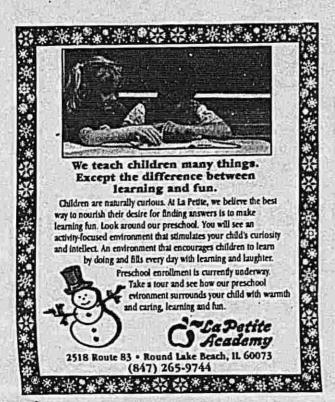
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Restaurant review: Pizza not the only attraction at the Silo

he Silo is probably one of the best known landmarks in Lake Bluff. For many, many years the Silo has served up pizza as its main fare and they do it with quite a flair. Offering both thin crust and pan pizza, you can "have it your way" from good ol' cheese ' and sausage to one of their specialty pizzas. With such an assortment, including a seafood pizza (snowcrab and pollack with shrimp and crab sauce) and a cheeseless vegetable pizza (grilled red peppers, sun-dried tomatoes, onions, zucchini, yellow squash and two sauces) even the most finicky eater will find some combination to suit their tastes.

If pizza isn't for you, the Silo has an extensive menu of appetizers, salads, pasta, sandwiches and dinner entrees. There's even a section totally devoted to baked potatoes. Yes siree! You can have those spuds 10 different ways from plain baked w/butter to roasted veggies, chicken and cheese to Mexican w/ground beef, cheddar cheese, taco chips, and salsa. I really love



The Silo's head cook Efrain Bonilla shows off one of their famous freshFoldovers are baked pizza ly baked pan pizzas at the dough topped w/melted Libertyville restaurant. - cheeses folded over like a pita Photo by Sandy Bressner and stuffed w/Romaine let-

> tuce and Caesar dressing, which you can then fill with flame roasted veggies, beef n' bacon or BBQ chicken.

served with salad, potato and

breast is prepared four differ-

giana, BBQ or with vegetables

If you lean towards

lighter fare, the sandwich

menu offers the usual fa-

Fe roast beef, the oven

vorites like the Reuben and

the patty melt as well as three

baked sandwiches; the Santa

paisano bread. Chicken

ent ways; teriyaki, parmi-

on a skewer.

Prices range from \$2.50-\$10.95 for appetizers, \$2.50-\$8.95 for salads, \$2.50-\$6.95 for baked potatoes, \$4.95-\$10.95 for sandwiches and \$6.95-\$13.95 for entrees. Pizza prices will depend on size and toppings ordered as well as whether you have thin crust or pan.

that idea! he Silo is definitely kid friendly. Every Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Dinner choices include BBQ baby back ribs, Shrimp the kids will be amazed by Tom "BOZ" The scampi, grilled salmon Magician, performing card tricks and sleight w/honey mustard glaze and of hand and delighting them with balloon an 8oz. N.Y.strip steak, all animals.

> The atmosphere is quite casual with oversized booths and plenty of tables. There is a full service bar that includes a nice selection of both imported and domestic beers, an efficient wine list and all of your

other favorite libations.

The Silo is located at 625 Rockland Rd.(Rt. 176) between Rts. 41 and 43 on the north side of the street in Lake Bluff. Hours of operation are Mon.-Thurs. from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 11 a.m. to midnight, and Sun. from 4 p.m.- 10p.m. They take reservations for parties of 6 or more; all others are first come first served. Phone (847) 234-6660 or you can visit their website at: www.silopizza.com. - by K.L. McCoy







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dough and set aside.

Beat food coloring into remaining dough to make a bright red tone.

Form the plain and red doughs into 12 balls each.
With red dough, separate each ball into one 1-inch ball and five 1/2-inch balls. With plain dough, separate each of the balls into one 3/4-inch ball and four 1/4-inch balls.

Shape the Santas: Slightly flatten the 1-inch red ball on an ungreased cookie sheet.
This is Santa's "body." Place

plain 3/4-inch ball on top of red ball for head; flatten slightly. Attach the four red 1/2-inch balls for arms and legs. Attach the last red ball as a cap on top of Santa's head.

Reshape cap slightly to form a trian
" gle. Attach the four 1/4-inch plain
balls for Santa's hands and feet. Lightly
press the balls against each other so they
hold together. Add miniature chocolate

chips to face for eyes and nose. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and leave cookies on baking sheet for 2 minutes. Remove to racks to cool.

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My partner and I started our meal with the escargots appetizer, very tender with just enough garlic, a bit of brie and baked to perfection under little pillows of flaky puff pastry. Next came a caesar salad with one of the tastiest homemade dressings I've had. I ordered the lamb chops which were thick and juicy, served with a twice baked potato and mint jelly. My dinner companion had the strip steak which the menu listed as a 12 oz., but looked much larger. He also chose the twice baked potato to accompany his steak. Our meal was so good and so plentiful that we just couldn't make it to dessert!

Colony House has a small but full service bar, complete with a martini menu (very interesting!). A children's menu includes such dishes as fried chicken and pasta with sauce. The service was friendly and truly added to the country





charm of this fine restaurant. I would recommend Colony House for anything from a romantic dinner to a holiday party. The menu prices range from \$5.25-\$8.95 for appetizers, \$10.95-\$25.95 for entrees and \$4.75-\$8.25 for children, En-

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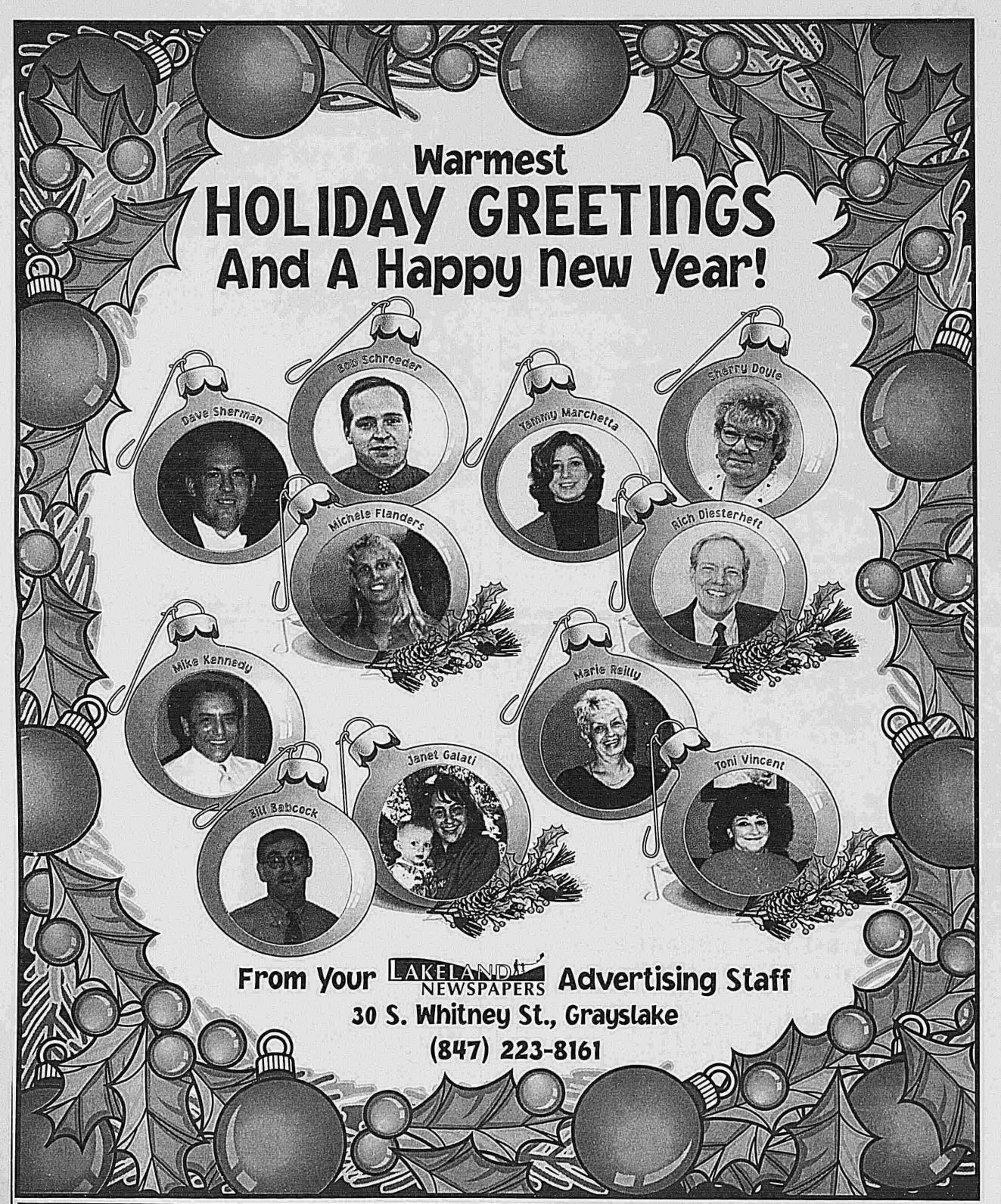
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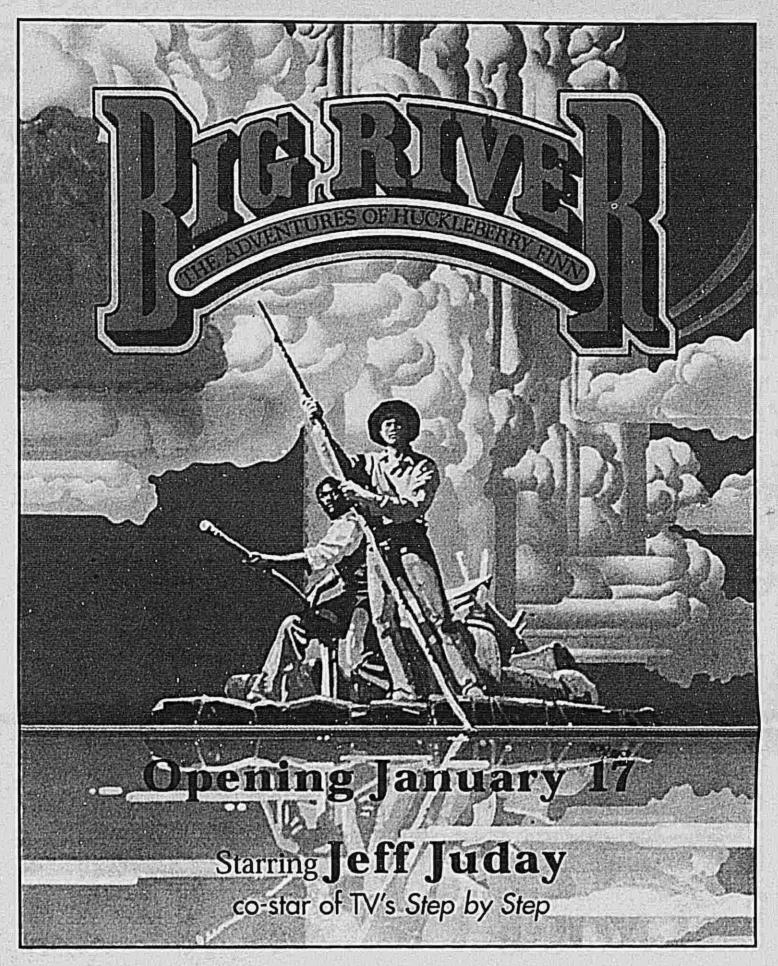
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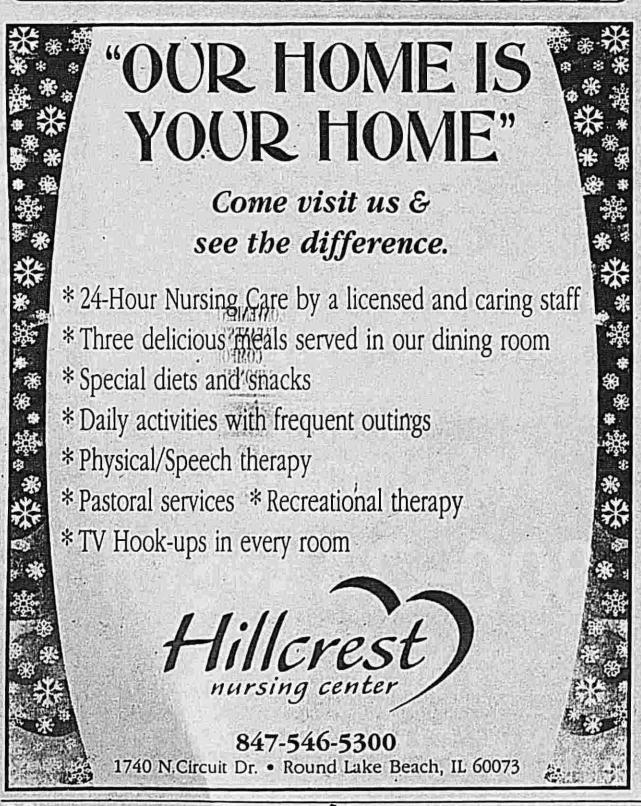
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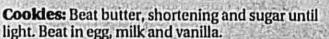
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Cookies:

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

Spreadable frosting:

- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons water
- Liquid or paste food coloring



Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Beat dry ingredients into butter mixture a

little at a time. Chill for 3 hours.

Preheat oven to 375°. Using a little dough at a time, roll out to 1/8" thickness. Cut with floured cutters and bake 8-10 minutes on lightly greased cookie sheets. Let cool completely.

Spreadable frosting: Mix sugar with vanilla, water and choice of food For intense color, use paste coloring. Frost cooled cookies.

Piping frosting: Mix sugar with vanilla, water and butter. Color as de-

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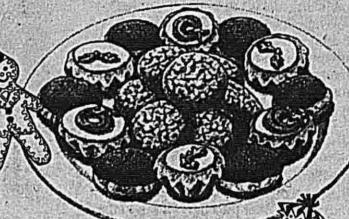
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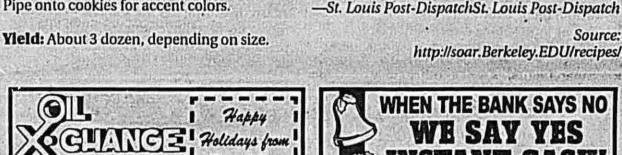
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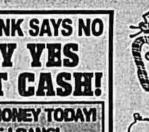
- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened Liquid or paste food coloring















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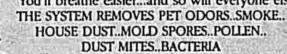
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Gurnee's best kept secret: Tina & Tony's

ucked away in the southeast corner of Saratoga Square shopping center is one of the finest Italian restaurants this side of Sorrento. Tina & Tony's Ristorante Italiano is a wonderful place to visit the next time you're in the mood for a great Italian meal.

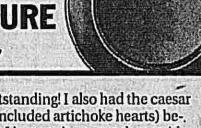
The menu boasts a bit more than traditional lasagna, although it's available. With such dishes as Gnocchi ai Peperoni (Potato gnocchi, broccoli, goat cheese and sweet red pepper sauce) and Farfalle Con Gamberni (Bow tie pasta, smoked shrimp, asparagus, rosemary, hazelnut oil and garlic) it's easy to try something out of the ordinary.

I tried the Fettucini di Mare Mascarpone which is a seafood symphony of scallops, shrimp, calamari and Prince Edward Island mussels in a velvety mascarpone cheese sauce.



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Absolutely outstanding! I also had the caesar salad (which included artichoke hearts) because it seems I just can't go anywhere without trying the caesar salad. I even made it to dessert, a positively luscious tiramisu.

The dining rooms are exquisitely decorated, with lots of oak and brass. The tables are set with fine linens and glassware that truly adds to the elegance and beauty of the atmosphere. Lots of windows and plants lend a casual touch.

The lounge is nestled between the two dining rooms. It is a beautiful room with dark wood and rich green tones that are warmly inviting and relaxing. There are a few tables for more intimate mingling if you don't want to sit at the bar. but either way you can still enjoy the mellow sounds of the piano playing softly in the background.

Menu prices are as follows: Appetizers are \$5.75-\$7.25, Salads are \$4.00-\$10.95, Pasta dishes are \$8.95-\$17.95 and Chicken, Beef and Pork dishes are \$14.95-\$20.95. The Wild Game Selection varies. All dinners are ala carte.

Tina and Tony's is located at 5101 Washington St. (at Rt 21) in Gurnee. Hours of operation are Mon.-Thur. 4pm-10pm, Fri. & Sat. 5pm-10:30pm, Sun. 5pm-9pm. The lounge is open until 11pm during the week and until 2am Friday and Saturday. Reservations are

Ron Santo #10 Big Hit / No Errors

ibertyville's newest addition to the restaurant scene is Ron Santo #10. Housed in the old Milwaukee Roadhouse building at 1590 S. Milwaukee Ave., Ron Santo #10 serves up great food in a casual yet upscale atmosphere.

Whether you're craving a sandwich or a full dinner, Santo's menu has something for everyone. From soups to appetizers, salads to burgers, and pizza to rotisserie chicken (the house specialty) you would be hard-pressed not to find something to curb your hunger.

I tried Ron's Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich. Tender slices of beef smothered in onions, green peppers and mushrooms under a blanket of melted mozzarella cheese and served on a really fresh hoagie roll just about put me over the edge. Now add the famous Santo waffle fries with seasoned sour cream dip and I thought I was in heaven!

My partner ordered Jalapeno poppers which appeared to be homemade. They were excellent, nonetheless. Next up was a Southwest Chicken Salad served with a warm tangy dressing. Very tasty! The chicken was sprinkled with cajun spice and broiled to perfection, atop tossed greens, hard cooked eggs, mushrooms, black olives and red onion. Not only did it taste delicious, the presentation was appealing as well.

The dining room is big and airy; so you don't feel crowded by fellow diners. Decorated with the typical brass, oak and foliage so popular in theme restaurants, it's pleasant without being overdone.

The lounge area is nice with a large, square bar, a few tables, lots of sports memorabilia and strategically placed televisions so



Wayne Rich, owner of the Ron Santo #10 Restaurant, welcomes patrons to the Libertyville establishment named for the former Chicago Cubs player.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

you won't miss your favorite sporting event. Hey! If you ladies are going to be football, baseball, basketball, hockey,etc. "widows", it's a sure bet your husbands won't die of thirst or hunger here!!!

The service was prompt and friendly, the servers knowledgeable about the menu and the food preparation. Best of all, everyone smiles a lot. In all, it was a very pleasant dining experience and I would highly recommend Ron Santo #10 the next time you're in the market for a great meal in a casual setting.

Santo's is open 7 days a week, serving lunch and dinner from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The lounge is open until 1:00 a.m. during the week and 2:00 a.m. on the weekend. The restaurant is available for private parties and events. Phone 847.247.9222



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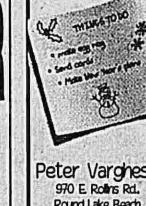




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